

Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
November 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Mike Jones, Linda Kahle, Gary Moeller, Sherry Monesmith, Beth Seidl, Pat Thyen, & Selena Vonderheide. **Commission Members Absent**: Darla Blazey, Jay Hamlin, Becky Hickman, & Kent Reyling. **Staff Members Present**: Kyle Rupert, Doreen Lechner, Corina Mack, Liz Book, Donna Schepers, & Emily Peak. **City Attorney**: Absent. **Guest in attendance**: Dean Vonderheide. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Moeller moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

City Financial Statement

Gary Moeller moved to approve the claims as presented. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Business

Dean Vonderheide (Jasper Library Board) reported that there is a purchase agreement in place for the ERA Realty building. The purchase and demolition of the building prior to the finalization of the cultural center design documents will allow greater flexibility to the design of the front of the building to be made.

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kyle reported:

- The *Landscape of Guitar* performance on October 8th was attended by 104 patrons. This was a sold-out show, and he asked that those that are unable to attend performances to return their tickets. Overall, the performance was well received. The artists also met with Jasper High School students the following day.
- The *Martial Arts and Acrobats of Tianjin* performance on October 28th had attendance of a little less than 300. One audience member brought exchange students from China to the performance and was able to set up a meet and greet with the artists. This was a great experience for them.
- Following Board discussion, he will look into additional advertising in the Herald for shows that are not sold out to run the week of the performances.
- The school performances of *The Money Tree* were a great success, and he thanked Friends of the Arts for covering the performance fee.
- He also went on to thank Friends of the Arts for their generous grant of \$30,000.
- New copy printer was delivered last week, and the advanced features will enable the Arts Department to do more things in house, i.e., flyers, programs, and brochures.
- *Playing by Air* will take place on November 12th and there are plenty of seats available. Jasper Arts' Facebook page will feature each member of the cast, leading up to their performance.
- Arts Midwest will be held in Indianapolis next year. IAC reached out to Jasper Arts to help plan the event. This will provide an excellent opportunity to network with others in the state.
- He is currently working on the draft agreement with the Next Act and hopes to have the final agreement in place by Thanksgiving.
- Performing Arts Committee met and selected *Farewell Angelina* for the 2018/2019 season. They are a country music act based out of Nashville. **Beth Seidl** made a motion to approve *Farewell Angelina* for the 2018/2019 season. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 7-0. This performance will be held at the Astra and will be part of the 12 show season. At this point he does not

anticipate any additional performances. There is a possibility of shifting the current structure of the season to accommodate a variety of shows.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported:

- A new printer copier was delivered. The old copier, asset tag #101285, purchased in May of 2002, has no value. She asked permission to have HBM scrap the copier. **Sherry Monesmith** made a motion to surplus and scrap the old copier. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Visual Art Report

Emily reported:

- Last month's exhibit, Studio Conversations, was picked up on November 3rd.
- This month's exhibit features two artists, Jay Hamlin – photography, and Guglielmo Botter – Pen & Ink Sketches. She encouraged everyone to attend and mentioned everything in the exhibit is for sale. Guglielmo Botter also has additional prints and postcards for sale.
- First Thursday reception was well attended and both artists were present. The gallery talk also gave those in attendance the opportunity to ask the artists about their work.
- Martial Arts and Acrobats hospitality went smoothly, and she thanked Corina and John for the additional help.
- The fall workshops are complete, and she will be working on the spring workshops, which will begin in February.

Education Report

Donna reported:

- *Landscape of Guitar* performed for two hours for art students at the Jasper High School. The students cycled through and worked on sketches and textiles. The moving artwork from the show was able to be displayed for the students, as well as, 10 full-sized pieces. This was a wonderful experience for the students, and she hopes to have more opportunities like this available for other classes and schools.
- Roseneath's production of *The Money Tree* was attended by 903 students in grades 3, 4, & 5. She thanked the volunteers for making this a great experience for the students.
- She requested permission to attend Kennedy Center training which will take place in February of 2018. The training is required for the Kennedy Center Partnership. **Sherry Monesmith** made a motion to allow Donna to attend the Kennedy Center training. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported:

- She passed out flyers for *Playing by Air* and asked that they are placed in visible areas.
- She commented that The Beehive art market is a unique experience for Dubois County. It was a great event in spite of the cold rainy weather. She has not yet received word on how much money was raised to support special needs workshops, which will begin in the spring.
- Chew has been granted 501c-3 status and they will be hosting a Holiday Dinner for food insecure children.

Old Business

- Selena reported the Next Act is in the middle of phase II remodeling of the Astra. They have started the next donor campaign, as they work to stretch the money already raised. She also

reported that the Astra sign will be re-hung towards the end of November. The targeted grand-opening date is April 14, 2018.

- Mike reported that the design development phase for the cultural center is well underway. The plan is to present the final documents in December or January, so deconstruction can begin. There will be a sign placed on the Hoosier Desk building says “coming soon.” The original design plan included a yoga/dance space; this has been changed to a multipurpose space which will create greater opportunities for revenue. Kyle reported that he met with Christine Golden and Ashlyn Ackerman, of City Vision to discuss basic finishes. He commented that it was neat to look at 3-D renderings to get an idea of what things would look like.
- LEADs – letters went out to those who pledged amounts over 3 years. The anonymous donor contribution was received last week. The recognition wall is still in the planning process to determine the design and location.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Linda Kahle moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:12. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Michael Jones

Attested