

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
December 5, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Darla Blazey, Jay Hamlin, Becky Hickman, Mike Jones, Linda Kahle, Sherry Monesmith, Kent Reyling, Beth Seidl, & Pat Thyen. **Commission Members Absent:** Gary Moeller & Selena Vonderheide. **Staff Members Present:** Kyle Rupert, Doreen Lechner, Corina Mack, Liz Book, & Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Dean Vonderheide & Christine Golden. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Pat Thyen** moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Sherry Monesmith** moved to approve the claims as presented. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**Public Business**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kyle reported:

- Volunteer and Visual Art Committee Reception was held on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event was well attended and everything went smoothly.
- *The Jives Aces* performance had 500 audience members in attendance. The band had the audience on their feet and only positive feedback was received. Their agent called and said they enjoyed their time in Jasper and appreciated the staff's efforts.
- JCAC strategic planning meeting will be held on February 17, 2018. The location has yet to be determined.
- Kyle invited the Board to visit the Arts Center or set-up a time to see the Cultural Center plans.
- Kyle also reported Jeanne Campbell offered to donate a piece by Myra Schuetter entitled *Feminine Crusades*. There was discussion as to the handling and placement of the piece, as well as, future donations. He is in the process of developing a policy that will address this. **Mike Jones** made a motion to accept the artwork pending control of piece's placement. **Darla Blazey** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported:

- Nothing to report.

**Visual Art Report**

Corina reported:

- Jay Hamlin & Guglielmo Botter's exhibit was successful with many additional visitors to the Gallery.
- December's exhibit features pieces by the Visual Arts Committee.
- The winter workshops will begin in February and include: wheel throwing, art basics, handbuilding clay, pen & ink, violin & guitar, watercolor, collages with a message, and drawing trees with trees. The forms will be mailed out and placed online.
- Hospitality for *The Jive Aces* went well and the band was easy to work with.
- "Holiday Happenings" are three events that will be hosted at the Arts Center and Satellite Arts Space. *Canvas & Cabernet* will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, *Paint a Platter* will be held on

December 11<sup>th</sup>, and Cookies, *Cocoa*, & *Canvas* will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. There is space still available for the *Canvas & Cabernet* event.

- There is a new online workshop registration option, Corsizio. Kyle explained how he came to discover the site and how to access the link from the Arts Center's homepage. Online registration will be available for all upcoming events and workshops. The site is very user friendly and creates immediate action for someone who wants to sign-up for events. The site is completely free to use since online payments are not accepted.

### **Education Report**

Donna reported:

- She attended Arts Midwest advisory and planning meeting in Indianapolis. Next year's conference will be held in Indianapolis, and the goal is to include more people from Indiana in development of the conference. The conference will feature a showcase of several Indiana based performers. This was done the last time the conference was in Indiana and was highly successful.
- She reported the Kennedy Center partnership team received funding which will be split with GJCS to cover a portion of the expenses for attending the conference.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported:

- The Special Events Committee will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- At the last committee meeting several ideas were developed to be added to next year's activities. One idea was an arts themed escape room. A second idea was to host a pumpkin carving contest and/or some other fall themed activities. The third event was an arts themed trivia night, planned around the time of when the Tony Awards are presented. These will all be pending based on calendar availability.
- There will be a new weekly web post called, "*What in the Arts?*" It will be a weekly calendar with all things arts related in the area. It will be a great place for those wanting an arts based activity to go and quickly see what's going on. Submissions will be due every Tuesday and will be released on Thursday of the same week.
- Artbeat will be a new weekly video series that will feature unique behind the scenes experiences.

### **Old Business**

- Next Act is still on target for April 2018 grand opening as work continues indoors.
- Cultural Center– Renée reported that the design development phase is nearing completion with only two meetings remaining before the final documents will be completed and presented. She again reminded the Board to take advantage of seeing the plans at every level of the design process so their input can be included.

### **New Business**

- The Beehive presented a check for \$1310.00. The money was raised during their Will Read and Sing event and silent auction. The proceeds will benefit special needs workshops.
- A nomination committee for the selection of officers for 2018 was formed. The two member committee includes Becky Hickman & Pat Thyen.

### **Adjournment**

**Sherry Monesmith** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:16. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

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Michael Jones

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Attested