

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
October 3, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Darla Blazey, Jay Hamlin, Becky Hickman, Linda Kahle, Sherry Monesmith, Kent Reyling, Beth Seidl, Pat Thyen, & Selena Vonderheide. **Commission Members Absent:** Mike Jones & Gary Moeller. **Staff Members Present:** Kyle Rupert, Doreen Lechner, Corina Mack, Liz Book, & Emily Peak. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick **Guest in attendance:** None. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Selena Vonderheide moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. **Jay Hamlin** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

City Financial Statement

Selena Vonderheide moved to approve the claims as presented. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Public Business

None.

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kyle reported:

- *Wynonna and the Big Noise* show went well and was overall well received. A few patrons commented on the level of noise, this was expected based on the age of the audience and type of show. Wynonna's crew was pleased with how the day went and the staff received the same praise from her agency the following day. Attendance for the performance was 620 out of the approximate 660 seats available for purchase. Kyle went on to thank the staff and volunteers for all of their hard work which made the show a great success.
- *Landscape of Guitar* will take place on Sunday, October 8, and is currently sold out. Kyle asked those who will be unable to attend to please turn in their tickets.
- *Martial Arts and Acrobats of Tianjin* will be on Saturday, October 28, and there are seats available.
- The Performing Arts Committee will meet on October 9th to begin the process of selecting the 2018-2019 season. Prior to sending the list to the committee, Doreen looked over the technical requirements to ensure the possible productions would be doable with the JAC's current capabilities.
- Kyle asked the Board to see him to go over the changes to schematic design of the Cultural Center prior the October 10th meeting to finalize the design.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported:

- Nothing to report.

Visual Art Report

Emily reported:

- She is happy to be back from maternity leave and thanked Corina for filling in for her.

- This month's exhibit in the Krempp Gallery is *Studio Conversations*. The exhibit features roughly 100 pieces of artwork by Illinois artists, Mary Bookwalter, Carol Weber, and Janice Meister. 1st Thursday Reception will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.
- Workshops began on October 2nd and include two clay classes and a watercolor & portrait class.
- She is familiarizing herself with the hospitality requirements for the upcoming performances.

Education Report

Kyle reported:

- Kennedy Center Artist, Judy Klevins was in Jasper September 12th-14th. The workshops were attended by students from 3 schools and 30 teachers. The workshop was well received and successful.
- *Landscape of Guitar* will present an educational outreach program for two art classes at the Jasper High School.
- *Money Tree* will be presented Monday, October 30th for 3rd-5th grade students from 10th Street and Ireland Elementary. Additional volunteers will be needed for these performances.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported:

- Beehive will be on October 27th and 28th. At the event, Jasper Arts will have small pumpkins to be painted. Jasper Arts has also been designated as the benefactor of the silent auction. The funds will go towards workshops for those with special needs. **Becky Hickman** made a motion to recommend the common council accept the donation from Beehive for the use of special needs workshops. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed. 9-0.
- Special Events Committee met to discuss possible options for pre-show activities for upcoming Family Fun performances to boost ticket sales.
 - *Playing by Air*, special performance at either local daycares or children's ward of the hospital. She is working on contacting the involved parties.
 - *Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players* will include a pajama party.
 - *Journey to Oz*, will include a chalk paint yellow brick road, popsicle craft, Oz stand-in, light snack, and colored punch.
- Touch a Truck went well and it seemed that attendance was up from last year.

Old Business

- Selena reported Next Act is continuing Phase I & II of construction. Targeted opening of the Astra is still mid-April of 2018. They have selected two additional board members, Ben Nowotarski, Rafaela Schaick, and Steffi Schmücker will act as a consultant.
- Renée reported on the Cultural Center: met with the design team and will provide monthly summaries to the board to keep everyone up-to-date. Design development phase will begin immediately following the schematic design. This phase will last until the end of 2017 with hopes to present final design documents to the boards in January or February of 2018. Construction document phase is planned to last through May 2018. Once construction documents are complete, the request can be made for developers to submit proposals. She also encouraged the board to take advantage of seeing the plans at every level of development so they can be well versed when the design phase begins.
- Renée reported LEADs will meet to discuss the last phase of fundraising to develop and set goals.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Sherry Monesmith moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:56. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Linda Kahle

Attested