

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
July 2, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Jasper City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Darla Blazey, Linda Kahle, Gary Moeller, Jay Hamlin, Becky Hickman, Mike Jones, & Selena Vonderheide. **Commission Members Absent**: Sherry Monesmith, Kent Reyling, Beth Seidl, & Pat Thyen. **Staff Members Present**: Kyle Rupert, Donna Schepers, Corina Mack, Emily Peak & Liz Book. **City Attorney**: Renée Kabrick. **Guests in attendance**: Christine Golden & Logan Bromm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Business

- Jasper Public Library Director, Christine Golden informed the board that the installation of the concrete aggregate piers has begun at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center site.

Approval of Minutes

Selena Vonderheide moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Financial Statement

Gary Moeller moved to approve the claims as presented. **Jay Hamlin** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Becky Hickman arrived at 4:32 PM.

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kyle reported:

- JCA Intern, Maggie Getzin introduced herself to the board. She attends Ball State and is majoring in journalism graphics and is interested in magazine design. Kyle commented that Maggie has been a big help to Corina and Emily and has helped with *Chalk Walk* and *ARTventures* workshops.
- Spanish version of the season guide is 99.9% complete. Final tweaks and proofs are happening. 500 will be printed and will be distributed throughout the community.
- Several rentals took place during the month of June. *Country Showdown*, *Dance Central*, and *ACT* held rehearsals. ACT's production, *Into the Woods* will be presented at the end of month.
- 73% of subscribers have renewed their tickets from last year. The deadline to renew was June 28th; however there are some renewals still outstanding. He encouraged those that have not renewed and are interested to contact the Arts Center as soon as possible. There are several individual shows that have generated a lot of interest. The best way to guarantee seats is to purchase a package. Ticket revenue is up from this time last year. A few factors could play into that, possibly a greater number of renewals and upgrades in packages from previous year. Individual tickets will go on sale, August 1st.
- The 2020 budget was emailed to the board with one addition of \$1,500 to the Subscription & Dues line to account for Microsoft Office 365. JCA currently uses Microsoft Office 2007 and it is no longer supported. He spoke with Eck-Mundy about obtaining "physical" copies. The copies would be digital downloads that could not be transferred to another computer. With the age of current computers, Kyle feels it would be best to wait until new computers are purchased before purchasing "physical" copies. Office 365 would be paid for on a monthly basis. He needs to follow up with Eck-Mundy to finalize the details and determine what each person will need. No other changes were made to the budget that was emailed. Sharon in the Clerk Treasurer's office needs everything by July 12th. Kyle also highlighted the areas that saw changes from the 2019 budget. In previous years that wage line for the Director and all other staff has been set at the max allowed by ordinance. He adjusted the appropriation ask to more accurately reflect what wages would be, with room to allow to potential merit raises. Any additional raises that are requested by the Common Council would be in addition to Kyle's ask. Repairs to the chiller over the last month have pushed back when the swale work will be done and is reflected in the repair line of the budget. **Mike Jones** made a motion to accept the budget as presented. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

- Kyle requested monies be moved between line items in the 2019 budget: move \$1,500 from the Director's Wage line to Subscriptions & Dues for Office 365; \$3,500 from the Director's Wage line to Building & Structures in case of overages for the chiller replacement; and \$1,000 from alcohol purchases to General Supplies. **Darla Blazey** made a motion to approve moving the money between line items in the 2019 budget. **Becky Hickman** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Building and Structure Report

Kyle reported for Doreen:

- Repairs that were needed to the current chiller means the proposed work to re-establish the swale will have to be postponed until next year.
- The bids for the chiller replacement project will be opened at the Board of Public Works meeting next Tuesday at 8 am at City Hall. The hope is that the bid will be awarded at that time.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported:

- June's exhibit featured two local artists, *Brian Bruner & Kerri Mehringer*, great turnout at the reception and throughout the month. July 11th will be the opening reception for the *Dubois County Art Guild* exhibit. At the reception mini painting will be given away.
- Perry Central's summer school program once again visited the Arts Center. 70 plus kids were broken into three groups and toured the gallery, learned about lights and sound, and completed a craft.
- Northwood painting was held earlier in the month and 28 residents participated.
- *ARTventures* workshops are almost complete. The Magic Yarn Project still has some spots available and will be held at the Satellite Arts Space next Tuesday.
- The deadline to submit artwork for consideration for the Juried Art Show was June 28th. She will compile the information to send to the juror. 70 plus pieces were entered for consideration.
- JCA in partnership with the Library will host a free *Tye Dye* event. T-shirts from previous Chalk Walks will be used. The event will be held on Thursday, July 25th. There is already a lot of interest in the event.
- *Plein Air* will be held during the Saturday of Strassenfest. Those that are interested can register online.

Education Report

Donna reported:

- The *Crossroads of Rural America* grant is \$1,500 to complete 5 programs. The grant will be awarded and used as a restricted use grant, per the Clerk Treasurer's Office. The programs will be offered in October 2019 through April of 2020. The themes of the workshops will be land, identity, community, persistence, and managing change.
 - "Ask Granny" – genealogy discovery for families, usage of information with materials through the library. Jill Watson will present on October 10th.
 - "Something's Brewing" – what craft beer can teach us about creative place making in Indiana. Bill Riley will present on Wednesday, October 30th.
 - "There and Gone and Back Again" – conversations sparked by Creative and Culinary Arts, "Food for Thought -Indiana Harvest". Author David Hoppy will present a talk and lead discussion. Three local people/groups are featured in the book, Alan Hanselman, Sister's of St. Benedict, and David Fischer of Fischer Farms. Will be presented on Tuesday, November 12th.
 - "The Story of Dubois County Agriculture" – full details to come at a later date. Will be presented in January or February to hopefully be able to include local farmers.
 - "The Year We Left Home" – book by Gene Thompson and is the state read for Indiana book clubs. The program on April 28th will discuss the book and themes. Additional books will be purchased with remaining grant monies.

Events Report

Corina reported:

- All of the items left from Chalk Walk have been sorted, organized, and put away.
- She has also helped with the Spanish guide translation.

- Corina is currently delivering season guides and posters around town and the surrounding communities.
- The next Special Needs workshop is in development and she will have more details at a later time.

Old Business

- The Next Act –*Rock Lotto* will be on July 20 and is a great fundraiser for the Next Act.
- Thyen-Clark Cultural Center – Renée reported the piers are being installed. Kyle showed the board renderings of a few of the interiors that were sent from Hafer. This is the most accurate version of the interiors; the furniture is still in flux. Meetings will be scheduled with local manufacturers to see what items would be available that fit with what is requested.

New Business

Adjournment

Gary Moeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:13. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mike Jones

Attested