

PINE RIVER ARTS COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES:
December 2, 2019

- I. A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Beth Campbell in the Four Seasons Room at the First Presbyterian Church of Alma.
 - B. **Attendance:**
 - Present:** Jan Caputo, Kate Sandow, Beth Campbell, Craig Zeese, Jeri Piccolo, Cheryl Barden, Rob DuHadway
 - Excused:** Roger Allman, Iduna Bever, Liz Loyselle, Scott Mackenzie, Melissa Strait
 - Absent:** Al Bartholomew, Sandy Sheldon, Dennis Marshall
 - C. **Approval of Agenda:** In the absence of a quorum, the agenda was approved by consensus.
- II. **Officers' Reports:**
 - A. Secretary's Report: In the absence of a quorum, the vote to approve the November minutes was tabled until the next meeting.
 - B. Treasurer's Report: In the absence of a quorum, the vote to approve the November Treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. End of year donation committee: We did not send out letters to possible donors last year. In light of the high cost of postage, Rob will check with the chamber to see if they have an email address list we could use.
 - B. LMD prize distribution: All the prizes still at DuHadway Dance Studio were brought to the meeting. Before we convened, we distributed prizes to members who will call the winners and arrange pick-up of prizes.
 - C. Grant Procedure Review: A committee was formed to begin the review. Cheryl will be the chairperson. Kate will be a member. Jan will be a member to bring the historical perspective to the group. Scott will also be asked to join.
- IV. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. Dream Park PRAC Picnic Table: Beth reminded Roger via email to check with the city to see whether our plaque has been affixed to the table.
 - B. The Alma Community Arts Center will be hosting an Open House on December 6. We will be moving the Ducky Shoppe over there soon, but not this week. (See Arts News in these minutes.)
- V. **New Business:**
 - A. Grant Request: Third Coast Dance Company has requested a \$500 grant to help with a project which will include introducing the community to several different kinds of dance. A performance will be at the Opera House on Dec. 12. Tickets are \$10. There will also be a performance in Lansing. Vote will be by email.
 - B. Grant Request: The Alma Community Arts Center has requested a \$500 grant to assist with the purchase of items to aid in Gallery Exhibitions. Discussion concerned what our guidelines cover. Vote will be by email.

- C. Child Advocacy Expo 2020, January 25, 10:00-1:00: Discussion concerned our experience last year, which was our first time to do this. Consensus was to try it again with some changes. A “duck pond/nest/basket” of some sort with prizes will draw the kids in. Beth will ask Roger to be chairperson and ask Courtney if there are prizes left from Lucky Mac Duck Day which could be used. Kate will bring our banner and the coloring materials. Kate, Craig, and Cheryl will help. Beth will send in the \$25 fee and the registration form.

VI. News from Art-related Organizations:

- A. Alma Community Art Center: To see the list of classes, check the website at www.alma-cac.org. The Open House on December 6 (6-9 p.m.) will feature artwork by Jody Schnetzler, a founding member of the Center, who has passed away. Sale of her works will be donated to the Gratiot Community Foundation for an art scholarship in her name. On December 13, they will be open during the Come Home to Alma for the Holidays town celebration.
- B. Gratiot County Players: Scott is directing the Christmas presentation: “Miss Bennet, Christmas at Pemberley,” the first two weekends in December, and Roger is doing lights. Auditions for the romantic comedy “Four Weddings and an Elvis” will be December 16 & 17 at the Strand Theater.
- C. A celebration in honor of retiring Director Bryan Dinwoody will be at the Alma Public Library on December 12, 3:30-5:30.
- D. Liz Loyselle will direct the Breckenridge High School’s Renaissance Dinner on December 14. Tickets are available at the schools.
- E. The Annual Come Home to Alma for the Holidays will take place on Friday, December 13, 5:00-8:30. Both the Academy of Performing Arts and the DuHadway Dance Studio will have dancers performing parts of the Nutcracker. Look for DuHadway at His Place, and the APA at their studio on State St. DuHadway plans to take dancers to schools and Masonic Pathways to perform. APA will also perform at Doig Chapel (Dec. 16) and will supply Elves for the Polar Express as a fundraiser.

VII. Announcements

- A. **Future Meetings:** 6:30 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room at First Presbyterian Church.
 - 1. January 6, 2020.
 - 2. February 3, 2020.

VIII. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Piccolo, Secretary