

PINE RIVER ARTS COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES:
January 6, 2020

- I. A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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, Roger Allman, Iduna Bever, Liz Loyselle, Scott Mackenzie, Melissa Strait
Excused: Al Bartholomew, Sandy Sheldon
Absent: Dennis Marshall

- II. **Approval of Agenda:** **Scott moved and Roger seconded to approve the agenda with this amendment: Under Committee Reports, the wording should read Grant Review, not Bylaw Review. Carried.**

- III. **Condolences:** Dottie Wassenaar passed away in late December. Dottie is a former board member. Beth will send the family a card.

- IV. **Officers' Reports:**
A. Secretary's Report: **Jan moved and Scott seconded to approve the November and December minutes.**
B. Treasurer's Report: **Jeri moved and Craig seconded to accept the November financial report.** The December report is also the year-end report. Jan is waiting for a few more updates before completing it.

- V. **Committee Reports:**
A. LMD prize distribution: Most prizes are now in the hands of the winners. Just a few left. However, our bylaws state that if the recipient hasn't collected the prize within 30 days after notification, we keep the prize.
B. 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 has also agreed to join. Cheryl will set up a meeting time.

- VI. **Unfinished Business:**
A. Dream Park PRAC Picnic Table: Roger checked with the city to verify that our plaque has been affixed to the table. It has.
B. The Alma Community Arts Center is ready for the Ducky Shoppe. Kate has everything and will coordinate the move. They will have some training for the docents so sales will go smoothly. For the time being, we can store Ducky Shoppe items (hats, shirts, small prizes, etc.) in the third section of the ACAC until they begin renovations there.

- C. Child Advocacy Expo 2020, January 25, 10:00-1:00: Kate will coordinate. Craig and Cheryl will help. Kate will bring our banner. A “duck pond/nest/basket” of some sort with prizes will draw the kids in. No coloring materials this year.
- D. Music at the Market: We sent grant money to the St. Louis Market to help to pay musicians who play during Farmer’s Market times. We received a follow-up report from them.
- E. December Grant Request: Third Coast Dance Company requested a grant to help with a project which will include introducing the community to several different kinds of dance. **The vote by email approved the request for \$500.**
- F. December Grant Request: The Alma Community Arts Center requested a grant to assist with the purchase of items to aid in Gallery Exhibitions. **The vote by email approved the request for \$500.**

VII. New Business:

- A. Updated Grant Application and Budget Page were sent to us by email.
- B. Grant Request: The Gratiot String Association request is to support a new project which will teach students how to arrange community benefit performances. **Liz moved and Roger seconded to approve a \$1000 grant which was carried with one abstention.**
- C. Grant Request: The Academy of Performing Arts plans to travel for their traditional “APA Takes on Chicago” experience. They usually fundraise to pay for this trip. This year, most of the funds raised were donated to their director, Kathy Francis, who passed away in the summer, for her medical bills. They have asked for \$1000 to pay for their classes. **Roger moved and Melissa seconded to approve a \$1000 grant. Carried with one abstention and pending a \$10 correction on the budget page.**
- D. Sandy Sheldon sent a note requesting a leave of absence from the board. No motion was made, and the board is in no hurry to remove anyone over attendance concerns.

VIII. 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 featured artwork by Jody Schnetzler, a founding member of the Center, who has passed away, and it attracted over 200 people. On December 13, they were open during the Come Home to Alma for the Holidays town celebration with crafts for kids to make. Also well attended. Dottie’s work will be displayed in an upcoming show. They are trying some new classes. Keep Alma Beautiful has approved the idea of an outdoor mural on the alley-side of the building.
- B. Gratiot County Players: The romantic comedy “Four Weddings and an Elvis” will be performed the last two weekends in February at the Strand Theater.
- C. The Pine River Chamber Orchestra will present a free concert on January 26 at 3:00 at the Central Michigan Christian Church in Mt. Pleasant.
- D. Dr. Joanne Gilbert and an Alma College Class are writing a script called “Gunplay” about America’s relationship with guns. It will be performed February 13-16.
- E. The Annual Arts United event will be Thursday, March 5.

IX. Announcements

- A. **Future Meetings:** 6:30 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room at First Presbyterian Church.

1. February 3, 2020.
2. March 2, 2020.

X. Adjournment at 7:37 p.m. Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Piccolo, Secretary