

PINE RIVER ARTS COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES:
February 3, 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, Liz Loyselle, Scott Mackenzie, Melissa Strait
Excused: Iduna Bever, Sandy Sheldon
Absent: Dennis Marshall, Al Bartholomew
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Jan moved and Roger seconded to approve the agenda.
- III. **Officers' Reports:**
 - A. Secretary's Report: **Jan moved and Craig seconded to approve the January minutes. Carried.**
 - B. Treasurer's Report: **Scott moved and Roger seconded to accept the 2019 year-end financial report. Carried.** At the end of January, we have \$6,373.84 available for grants.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. LMD prize distribution: Some prizes have been donated back by the winners, and some because the winners never acknowledged the communications about their winning status. Rob has a few at the Studio. Other members have some, too.
 - B. Concerning previous discussion about Lucky MacDuck Day and trying to coordinate our day with the Alma Cyclocross, it was learned that Dial-a-Ride would not be able to help us with transportation between the two events due to a state regulation. (We could possibly rent a bus, but it's expensive.) *See November 2019 minutes.*
 - C. Grant Procedure Review: Cheryl will set up a meeting time.
- V. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. The Alma Community Arts Center has the Ducky Shoppe set up and some ducks have been sold. Jan would like to meet with Chuck and/or Diane Clise to discuss inventory, etc. Kate will arrange it.
 - B. Child Advocacy Expo 2020, January 25: Kate coordinated with the help of Craig (who got into the spirit of things and dressed as a pirate) and Cheryl. A "duck pond" (filled with shredded sponges) with prizes was a hit. The supply of prizes for LMD Quactivities is now low. Remember to bring the flyers/hand-outs next year. Some candy was also distributed.
 - C. Third Coast Dance Company Grant: They sent us a very informative follow-up report.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - A. Grant Request for \$500: Arts United/United Way of Gratiot & Isabella Counties to support their fundraiser on March 5.
 - B. Grant Request for \$500: St. Mary Elementary School is starting a program of ukulele instruction for students. The grant would help with start-up costs.

- C. Grant Request for \$1,000: St. Louis Public Schools Steelband Festival. Stephen Lawhorne attended our meeting to thank us and to tell us about how successful these festivals have been in the past. They try to expand the program each year.
- D. Grant Request for \$1,000: St. Louis High School Stratford Trip. This is the first time they have done this trip.

A motion to approve the request from Arts United in the amount of \$250, and the other three for \$500 each was made by Scott and seconded by Melissa. Carried.

- E. Sixth Absences: Our bylaws state that the board should discuss absences when a member has accrued six. The consensus is that our president should contact each of the three to see what the circumstances are.
- F. New Fundraiser: We need to invent a new fundraiser to help to raise funds. It was suggested that we host a cabaret or talent show type of activity, possibly in June. We could ask to use the Strand, a place at Alma College, or even an outside venue in a park. Everyone is very busy this spring, but Scott agreed to be chairperson, and Beth, Cheryl, Liz, and Melissa (after May) will help to explore/plan this idea.

VII. News from Art-related Organizations (alphabetically!):

- A. Academy of Performing Arts dancers will be traveling to Ithaca and Alma elementary schools to perform “Carnival of the Animals” on Feb. 7. Company One will be heading to Chicago on Feb. 21.
- B. Alma College: A play called “Gunplay” written by Dr. Joanne Gilbert and an Alma College class about America’s relationship with guns will be performed Feb. 13-16.
- C. Alma Community Art Center: To see the list of classes, check the website at www.alma-cac.org.
- D. Alma High School Forensics will be hosting a tournament on March 7 at the school.
- E. The Alma Symphony Orchestra performed a wonderful concert on Feb. 2.
- F. The annual Arts United fundraiser for United Way will be Thursday, March 5.
- G. Breckenridge High School will be hosting a staff/student talent show at the school on March 20-22.
- H. The Creative Arts Guild will be moving their annual show to the Elks this year. Dates are April 15-19.
- I. Gratiot County Players: The romantic comedy “Four Weddings and an Elvis” will be performed the last two weekends in February at the Strand Theater. Auditions for “Mama Mia” will be Feb. 15-16.
- J. Gratiot String Association will present a concert on Feb. 13 at the Alma United Methodist Church. The concert is free, but donations are Greatly Appreciated.
- K. Ithaca High School will present their annual dinner theater “Into the Woods” on Feb. 28, 29, and March 1.
- L. The Pine River Chamber Orchestra presented a concert on January 26. Go to pineriverco.org to listen to it.

IX. Announcements

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

X. Adjournment at 7:55 p.m. Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Piccolo, Secretary