

**PINE RIVER ARTS COUNCIL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

February 7, 2022

- I. Public Comment commenced at 6:30: young women from the Academy for the Performing Arts spoke about their grant request for help with a trip to NYC for about 13 of them. They have been doing other fund-raising, as well. See Grant Request below.
- II. Called to Order at 6:42 in the Four Seasons Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Alma.
- III. Attendance:  
Present: Beth Campbell, Jeri Piccolo, Kate Sandow, Cheryl Barden, Jason Barden, Sheryle Dixon, Roger Allman, Rob DuHadway, Jan Caputo, Georgia Guiett, Craig Zeese  
Excused: Lisa Yoder, Liz Loyselle, Rosely Conz, Al Bartholomew
- IV. Approval of Agenda: **Rob moved and Georgia seconded to approve the agenda. Carried.**
- V. Officers Reports:
  - A. Secretary's Report: **Craig moved and Roger seconded to approve the November, 2021, minutes.** (The board did not meet in December or January.) **Carried.**
  - B. Treasurer's Report:
    1. Financial Report: Jan paid the 2022 dues in 2021 for the Chamber of Commerce. **Rob moved and Kate seconded to accept the financial report. Carried.**
    2. Storage Unit news: Our storage unit company has been sold. The new owner is Simply Safe Storage. The fee has been \$65/month for #19. The new fee may go as high as \$80. New numbers are being placed on the individual units. There will be a new lease to approve.
- VI. Committee Reports: none.
- VII. Unfinished business: none.
- VIII. New Business:
  - A. Grant proposal: Academy of Performing Arts submitted a request for support for their trip to New York City in the spring. **Jan moved and Roger seconded to approve the grant for \$1000. Carried, with two abstentions.**
  - B. Grant proposal: Gratiot String Association submitted a request for support for their new Adult Horizon program, which will teach adults to play string instruments. **Kate moved and Jason seconded to approve the grant for \$1000. Carried, with two abstentions.**
- IX. News from Arts-related Organizations
  - A. Alma High School Drama Class has a new teacher, Kylie Levine. They will perform a show in the spring. Beth's Forensics team of four students will compete in a few tournaments.
  - B. DuHadway Dance will present a pre-competition performance at the Heritage Center.

- C. The Alma Chamber Orchestra (ACO) is rehearsing for a March 27 concert. Community Singers may be able to participate in the Master Works Concert which will be Mozart's *Requiem*, to be performed April 8 & 9.
- D. Gratiot County Players will present the play *Silent Sky* the last two weekends in February. The May musical will be *Sister Act*. Auditions are March 5 at 10 a.m.
- E. Creative Arts Guild has cancelled their spring show due to Covid. Some of their artwork is on exhibit in the hallway at the State Farm/Rogers Food building on Superior St. They may do some showing at the Alma Community Art Center later.
- F. Alma College is searching for a new technical director for the Heritage Center.
- G. Academy of Performing Arts students will be traveling to NYC to take classes and watch performances.
- H. The Alma Highland Festival is scheduled for May. The Queen competition will be in April.
- I. The United Way will again present Arts United on March 3, in person. Donations can be made online or by mail to the Alma United Way office to vote for your favorite dancers.

IX. Future Meetings, 6:30 p.m., Four Seasons Room of First Presbyterian Church in Alma.

1. March 7, 2022
2. April 4, 2022

X. Adjournment of Meeting at 7:25: Moved by Roger and seconded by Cheryl. Approved by Acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Piccolo, Secretary