

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

March 7, 2022

- I. Public Comment commenced at 6:30: Addie and Jaina from the Academy for the Performing Arts spoke about their trip to NYC for 13 people including dancers and chaperones. With the funds from the PRAC grant, they were able to take a couple more classes than they had planned. They worked with the Steps on Broadway Studio and took three to five classes each. They are grateful for our funding, and showed us pictures of some of their classes.
- II. Called to Order at 6:38 in the Four Seasons Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Alma.
- III. Attendance:  
Present: Beth Campbell, Jeri Piccolo, Cheryl Barden, Jason Barden, Lisa Yoder, Sheryle Dixon, Jan Caputo, Craig Zeese  
Excused: Rosely Conz, Kate Sandow  
Absent: Al Bartholomew, Roger Allman, Rob DuHadway, Liz Loyselle, Georgia Guiett
- IV. Approval of Agenda: **Craig moved and Cheryl seconded to approve the Agenda. Carried.**
- V. Officers Reports:
  - A. Secretary's Report:
    1. **Cheryl moved and Jason seconded to approve the February minutes. Carried.**
    2. New Member Packets: Sheryle and Jason would like to receive electronic packets from Jeri. Jan will also send the revised Grant Procedures and Application Forms to us.
  - B. Treasurer's Report:
    1. Financial Report: The February financial report showed ending cash on hand of \$5,415.19 and available cash of \$3,415.19. **Jeri moved and Lisa 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 new rent is \$80/month for #20 (same unit, new number). Jan passed around the eight-page new lease which she has thoroughly read. Some changes had to be made for our non-profit status. There is no security deposit. The lease expiration date is indefinite. Beth will be the second contact person. There is a \$10 fee for late rent, but the bank will pay each month automatically. The board gave Jan permission to continue to pay the rent as long as it doesn't surpass \$100/month.
    3. Highland Festival Sponsorship: No, thank you.
- VI. Committee Reports: none. Next month we will elect a Membership Committee to nominate the Class of 2025.
- VII. Unfinished business: We also received the response from the AHS trip to Meadowbrook Theater which was a revelation to some of the students. They returned some un-needed money for transportation costs.

#### VIII. New Business:

- A. Grant guidelines vs. application form: revision needed. Jan handed out the forms to everyone present and will also email to everyone. (On the final page, the budget, please leave blank the Organization name.) Jan will also request that AI put this form on our website. We are registered with MAC (Michigan Arts and Culture?).
- B. Final report form: Informational
- C. Grant review form: Resurrect, revise, or eliminate the form. Long ago, we used to “score” grant requests against “competing” grants. This situation hasn’t occurred recently. This will also be sent electronically for our review. Please read it before the April meeting.
- D. Board attendance discussion: We have not been paying close attention to attendance since the pandemic began. Now may be the perfect time to resume that practice. Our Bylaws indicate that after four missed meetings, the president will send a letter, a “gentle nudge.” After six, the board may take action to dismiss that person as a member. A new “attendance year” will begin in May. We hope to have the new board membership set by then.
- E. The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville is the head of the new Alma College Center for College and Community Engagement. We would like to have him attend one of our meetings.

#### IX. News from Arts-related Organizations

- A. The Alma Chamber Orchestra (ACO) is rehearsing for a March 27 concert. Community Singers may participate in the Master Works Concert which will be Mozart’s *Requiem*, to be performed April 9 & 10.
- B. Gratiot County Players will present the musical *Sister Act* the middle two weekends in May.
- C. Alma College schedule:
  - March 11-13: Dance performance
  - March 22: Jazz Ensemble concert
  - March 26: Highland Arts performance – Pipers and dancing
  - March 30: Band Concert
- G. Academy of Performing Arts: The Junior Company will be performing “Puss and Boots” at South Elementary in Ithaca. The company consists of upper elementary and middle school dancers.
- H. The Alma Highland Festival is scheduled for May at the Alma High School. The Queen competition will be in April.
- I. The Historical Museum in Ithaca will open for the season on May 25 and run through October. Their theme is Leisure Activities in Gratiot County. Tickets for “Dinner for Six” will be available. Winning ticket drawings will be during the season.

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

- 1. April 4, 2022
- 2. May 2, 2022

#### XI. Adjournment of Meeting at 7:49: Moved by Cheryl and seconded by Jason. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Piccolo, Secretary