

PINE RIVER ARTS COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2021

I. Call to Order at 6:42 in the Four Seasons Room of the First Presbyterian Church.

II. Attendance:

Present: Beth Campbell, Jeri Piccolo, Kate Sandow, Lisa Yoder, Cheryl Barden, Jason Barden, Sheryle Dixon, Roger Allman, Rob DuHadway, Jan Caputo, Liz Loyselle, Georgia Guiett

Excused: Craig Zeese, Rosely Conz, Al Bartholomew

III. Approval of Agenda: **Jan moved and Kate seconded to approve the agenda. Carried.**

VI. Officers Reports:

A. Secretary's Report: **Jan moved and Jason seconded to approve the October 4 minutes with the correction that the AHS Field Trip request was passed for \$374.71. Carried.**

B. Treasurer's Report: Jan related that the Lucky MacDuck report for 2021 is almost complete. Rent-Rite has not cashed our check for \$2600 as yet. Three checks will need to be voided: two performers didn't show up, and one donated back the money.

V. Committee Reports: none.

VI. Unfinished business: none.

VII. New Business: none.

VIII. News from Arts-related Organizations

A. Alma High School Drama Class will present "Alice in Wonderland" this weekend. Show times: 11/5 at 7:00, 11/6 at 7:30, 11/7 at 2:00.

B. Gratiot County Players presented the musical "Mama Mia" in October to sold-out houses. "Elf, Jr." will be presented the first two weekends in December, including Saturday matinees. The cast is all students. PRAC's half-page ad is in the program.

C. Alma College is showing off the Opera House with three programs titled Night at the Opera. Limited seating of 50. October 21 was a night of period music from when the Opera House was new. November 19-21 will be dramas. December 2 will be silent movies with Tony Patterson playing the piano, and it's already sold out. The performances will also be live-streamed at the Block House.

D. The Alma Community Art Center will celebrate 10 years in Alma! They will host an Open House on November 11 from 6:30 to 8:30. They are adding more retail items in time for Christmas. Sign up now for fall classes including Diane Zakala teaching in the new pottery studio and stained glass classes. A Holiday Open House may take place December 10.

E. Creative Arts Guild will host pastel artist Tom Tomales November 13-14. CAG will continue to collaborate with the ACAC for workshop space.

- F. Alma College dancers will perform Nov. 12 & 13 at 7:30 and Nov. 14 at 2:30.
- G. Academy of Performing Arts students will dance for the Come Home to Alma for the Holidays event on Dec. 10.
- H. Ithaca High School will present "Into the Woods."
- I. Gratiot Strings is a go this fall. There is a new adult class on Thursday nights. On November 15 the new Alma Chamber Orchestra will present a concert at the Heritage Center. They will also play with the Alma College Festival of Carols in December. The orchestra is a mix of students and community members and is conducted by Takeshi Abo. A Master Works Concert later in the season will be the Mozart "Requiem."

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

1. December 6, 2021

2. January 3, 2022

X. Adjournment of Meeting: 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Piccolo, Secretary