

PINE RIVER ARTS COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2022

I. Public comment

Mary Anne Evans -Justin and Cindy Austin—informal proposal

Loosely organized Gratiot Neighbors for Community— rallied to support of city commissioners. Emergence of differences of opinions in the community and try to bring them together.

Wondered if with PRAC assistance---reinvent the evenings in the park—willing to serve on a subcommittee—Can research past -- and make a list of entertainers who entertain or present. Ended because at the beginning unable to recruit new people
Burned them out fundraising. Paid an honorarium for musicians not necessarily lectures
Not organized to apply for grant money—visible in the community---

II: Call to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Alma

III. Attendance:

- a. Excused: Jan Caputo, Liz Loyselle, Jeri Piccolo
- b. Expected: Roger Allman, Angie Ballard, Cheryl Barden, Jason Barden, Beth Campbell, Katie Crombie, Sheryle Dixon, Bruce Maki, Kate Sandow, Craig Zeese
- c. Absent: Al Bartholomew

IV. Approval of agenda: **Moved by Georgia supported by Roger---all in favor—
Approved**

V. Officer's Reports:

A. Secretary report—Liz took notes last month for Jeri-- Approval of minutes
supported by Jason all in favor no opposed Moved by Roger

B. Treasurer's report---Jan-not in attendance –it was one of our better years.

VI: Committee reports: none

VII: Unfinished Business---none

- a. Grant report: Chalk the Walk/Damian Sanderson (event 5/22/21)
- b. Grant report: St. Louis Farmer's Market/Linda Bader (event 10/27/22)

VIII: New Business

- a. Evenings in the Park Proposal (ongoing) discussion

Mary Anne Evans-Justin and Cindy Austin/PRAC members

- Fees for using the parks and electricity to turn on---rent sound equipment.
- Help pay for through PRAC--Lucky MacDuck fundraising?
- Central Michigan band—pianist —used to be Bob Christ---and Al Bartholomew
- Dawn Daniels professional storyteller—no longer readers theater
- Conversation regarding the Pine River—Ed Lorenz & Murray Borello--now historian--Jim Goodspeed
- Dance groups---art center involvement?
- More than 1 park with bathrooms and electricity—
- Alley between Gratiot Players and Art Center—there is electricity
- Subcommittee---possible
- Action item on this later tonight---establish the committee and funding—
- Jan offered to chair and organize
- Funding for rain venues---
- Fellowship hall—His Place—library depending on hours in the future

Proposal to form a subcommittee ---to generate a budget

Moved by Roger supported by Angie---carried—all supported

Vote to form a subcommittee-- budget and Evenings all supported

Next items—

- Jan shared with Beth that she would offer to chair it---Al or Jason to be part of it
- -Jason would be involved-- Kate Crombie or someone from city—of Chamber—Roger Allman
- Some discussion by PRAC
- Was just in Alma and expanded to sites Ithaca/St. Louis—Wright Avenue Park—library and conservation park which has a pavilion with learning center—lectern and log seats
- -different venues may be hard to keep track-- may be best to stay in one venue

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- Had great attendance as folks recalled
- Fundraising--- would PRAC be responsible?---could provide a grant/fund portion of it--depending on cost
- Wouldn't have to do a fundraiser or open up for offering
- Co/sponsor PRAC/and ???—who else could be involved?

- b. Grant request—from ACAC—help support Art with Friends---with disabilities—
Out of school age and in supportive employment.
Diane Clise indicated they met 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month October
through May—Consistent group of young adults

Shared pictures of projects---painting—opportunity to do ceramics—plates/ornaments for
Christmas. Springtime—getting creative with mediums
Would like to continue for next year with an increase 1 an a half with a reception and
exhibition at the end of the sessions
\$10 per hour—per student--- \$15 for 1 ½ for as many as they attend. 6:00 to 7:30 Last
year didn't have to charge the families—
Bring in as many students as possible--- 10 was consistent
Budget of \$ 2,400----requesting \$1000.000----ACAC will pay difference
\$150 for artist reception—most likely show would stay up about a month
Teachers get 30% honorarium—Diane does not take the stipend---all been coming
together with volunteers.
Craig—wonder about transportation to get more folks in—depends on parents
Roger—Kelly Dean—may be an avenue if needed in the future
Word of mouth---1 parent had a daughter who was 22—wanted to come with friends-
Don't want to publicize—but internally to expand manage numbers/enough volunteers

**Kate made motion to support the grant request for-\$1000.00--Roger
seconded**

Discussion:

Craig—wonder about of our balance and future requests-- maybe move it to
\$800.00

Georgia--- population underserved in the socialization piece---some not able to
go to school and this becomes an avenue to make connections. We could grant
the \$1000 and look at prioritizing future grants—depending on requests

All in favor---all-- none opposed Abstained Bruce---motion carried

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IX: News from our local arts organizations:

- a. Roger --GCP- Footloose---Last weekend of October 28,29,30 first of
November—4, 5 & 6 Strand Theater 7:30 Ticket costs vary---online
- b. Angie—auditions 6:30 p.m.—Strand Theater--Sweet Delilah Swim Club--
Nov. 7th/8th
- c. Kate—ACAC—Vianna Szabo---Portraits October 8 & 9th
- d. Sheryle—
 1. October 21st Alma College Heritage Center---Choir concert
7:30 to 8:30 Free seats online
 - 2 October 22nd Alma College Heritage Center—Orchestra

- 7:30 to 9:00 Free seats online
3. October 27, 28, 30th Alma College Heritage Center—
The Imaginary Invalid
Friday/Saturday-(7:30-9:30) Sunday- (2:30-4:30)
Cost: \$15:00 online

Meadowbrook Theater-this month Little Shop of Horrors

X: Announcements:

A. Future Meetings (6:30)

1. November 7, 2022
2. December 5, 2022

XI: Adjournment

Georgia made a motion to adjourn-- Angie seconded—motion carried

Adjourned: 7:24 p.m.