

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

May 1, 2023

- I. Public Comment: None.
- II. Called to Order at 6:36 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Alma.
- III. Attendance:  
  
**Present:** Cheryl Barden, Jason Barden, Beth Campbell, Jan Caputo, Katie Crombe, Sheryle Dixon, Bruce Maki, Jeri Piccolo, Kate Sandow  
**Excused:** Angie Ballard, Georgia Guiett, Craig Zeese  
**Absent:** Al Bartholomew
- IV. Approval of Agenda: **Jason moved and Bruce seconded to approve the Agenda. Carried.**
- V. Officers Reports:
  - A. Secretary's Report: **Kate moved and Jason seconded to approve the April minutes. Jeri abstained. Carried.**
  - B. Treasurer's Report:
    1. The April 2023 Financial Report showed ending cash on hand of \$7,550.08 and available cash of \$5,550.08.
    2. Jan noted that our website has been renewed for five years, and that new Ducky Shoppe duckies have been purchased.
    3. A reminder that annual dues would be gratefully accepted. Several donations have already come in.
    4. The report was accepted.
- VI. Committee reports:
  - A. Evenings in the Park (Tuesdays, Wright Park): The committee has not had a formal meeting since the last Board meeting.
    1. Dates: July 11: Cabaret  
July 18: Third Coast Steel Drum Band  
July 25: Broken Glass String Band  
August 1: Scottish Folk Music  
August 8: Historical Evening with Lisa Yoder  
August 15: Central Michigan Area Concert Band
    2. Contracts have been sent to the performers. Three have already been returned.
    3. Rain date locations: The hope was to have all of them at First Pres, but the church has conflicts on several of those dates. After discussion, it was decided to see if the gym at St. Mary's could be available. It would be best if the bad weather location could be the same for all dates.
    4. Beth applied for the license for these events with Katie Crombe as the contact person. The State seems to be confused about this event, and Beth will contact them.

- B. Nominating Committee
  - 1. Committee members are Beth, Jeri, Angie, and Bruce.
  - 2. Terms have ended for Roger, Cheryl, Jan, Georgia, and Liz. Roger and Liz opted not to continue as board members at this time. Cheryl, Jan, and Georgia have agreed to continue.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. Grant Report: Chalk the Walk/Damian Sanderson (event 5/22/21). As the Highland Blush has gone out of business, ever receiving this report is a lost cause.
- B. Grant Report: ACAC, Art with Friends Project (ends summer 2023)
- C. Grant Report: Alma HS Stratford Trip (5/4/23)
- D. Grant Report: Alma College Artistic Expression (5/20/2023)

VII. New Business:

- A. Grant Request: Alma Community Art Center (ACAC) for a Kathleen Conover Workshop in July. **Jan moved and Cheryl seconded to approve a grant of \$1000. Carried. Bruce and Kate abstained.**
- B. Nominating Committee: Suggestions for new members include Dana Molands, Ty Daniels, Steven Lawhorn, Heidi Lawhorn, and Susan Meier.

IX. News from our local arts organizations:

- A. The Gratiot String Association's Celebration Concert will be May 24 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to this free concert.
- B. Alma High School will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream—the Movie" (actually a play) on May 5 & 6 at 7 p.m., and May 7 at 2 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission is \$5. Tickets are available at the door and at GoFan.
- C. Gratiot County Players will present "Spamalot" on May 12, 13, & 14, and May 19, 20, & 21. Friday shows are at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday shows are at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office beginning May 8 from 6 to 7 p.m., one hour before performances, or online at <https://www.ticketsgratiotcountyplayers.com>. Prices: Adults \$15, Senior Citizens \$12, Students (15+ with valid School I.D.) \$12, Children (14 years of age and under) \$8. (There will be a \$2 per ticket handling fee to purchase online or by credit card at the box office.)

X. Future Meetings:

- A. 6:30 p.m. Four Seasons Room of First Presbyterian Church in Alma
  - 1. June 5 (also Lucky MacDuck Committee – approximately at 7:00)
  - 2. July 3 (also LMD)
- B. Lucky MacDuck 2023: Saturday, September 9.

IV. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Piccolo (secretary)

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PINE RIVER ARTS COUNCIL – May 1, 2023

LUCKY MACDUCK COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE -- MEETING MINUTES

I. Called to order at 7:17 p.m.; Attendance:

**Present:** Cheryl Barden, Jason Barden, Beth Campbell, Ron Campbell,  
Jan Caputo, Katie Crombe, Sheryle Dixon, Bruce Maki, Jeri Piccolo, Kate Sandow

**Excused:** Angie Ballard, Georgia Guiett, Craig Zeese

**Absent:** Al Bartholomew

II. Approval of Agenda. **Cheryl moved and Kate seconded to approve.**

III. Appoint Committee Chairs – no changes.

IV. LMD Committee Business

A. Administration

Beth Campbell.

The raffle licenses were applied for. There are new forms and a person at the Charitable Gaming Commission needed some clarification, which Jeri was able to supply.

B. Finances

Jan Caputo.

Discussion pertaining to the use of cash vs. other payment methods. A charge card seems to be a poor choice due to fees, etc. Other choices could include PayPal, Cash App, or other apps.

C. Vendors/Non-profits

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D. Public Relations

Print: Jan Caputo; Online: Katie Crombe

E. Quackactivities

Cheryl Barden who will recruit some friends.

She is searching for a good source of pine from which the prisoners will create the derby ducks. Craig had said there may be enough scraps at the Strand, and Ron said he also had some pieces. They should all be from the same source, so the ducks weigh the same.

F. Prizes/Sponsors

Beth Campbell, Craig Zeese, Kate Sandow

Letter to go out in May for Evenings in the Park and Lucky MacDuck. Kits to decorate ducks will be available at the Evenings in the Park. Deadline must be set for sponsors to make it onto posters.

G. Entertainment

Jason Barden – one group confirmed, others still tentative.

H. Tickets

Jeri Piccolo

I. Volunteers

Sheryle Dixon, Beth Campbell

Sheryle will look into a new sign-up/volunteer system the college is using. A decision about enlisting volunteers will need to be made by the end of July.

J. Facilities/Grounds

Ron Campbell

Everything is set with Rent-Rite.

K. Food

Ron Campbell

Will contact the Health Dept. about the license. Still thinking about how to include pizza on the menu.

L. Just Ducky Shoppe

Sheryle Dixon, Bruce Maki, Angie Ballard

New duckies will be available. Shirts and wearables will be available at Evenings in the Park, but not duckies.

M. CAG Show

Kate Sandow

She will reserve the Smith room for the Art Show as well as the small room which the performers can use.

N. Duck Race

Jordan Campbell

Will need more volunteers for in the river.

Tyler Daniels?

O. After-glow Party

Ron & Beth Campbell

**V. Adjournment: Cheryl moved and Jason seconded to adjourn at 7:55. Carried.**