

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

June 5, 2023

- I. Public Comment: None.
- II. Called to Order at 6:33 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Alma.
- III. Attendance:  
We warmly welcomed new members Tyler Daniels and Dana Molands, Class of 2026.  
**Present:** Angie Ballard, Cheryl Barden, Jason Barden, Beth Campbell, Jan Caputo, Katie Crombe, Ty Daniels, Sheryle Dixon, Bruce Maki, Dana Molands, Jeri Piccolo, Kate Sandow, Craig Zeese  
**Excused:** Georgia Guiett  
**Absent:** Al Bartholomew
- IV. Approval of Agenda: **Jason moved and Angie seconded to approve the Agenda. Carried.**
- V. Officers Reports:
  - A. Secretary's Report: **Kate moved and Craig seconded to approve the May minutes. Jeri abstained. Carried.**
  - B. Treasurer's Report:
    1. The May 2023 Financial Report showed ending cash on hand of \$6,463.93 and available cash of \$4,463.93.
    2. Jan noted that the May advertising item is the renewal of our website.
    3. The report was accepted.
- VI. Committee reports:
  - A. Evenings in the Park (Tuesdays, Wright Park): The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 13.
    1. Dates: July 11: Cabaret  
July 18: Third Coast Steel Drum Band  
July 25: Broken Glass String Band  
August 1: Scottish Folk Music: Andrew Pomerville is moving out of state due to a new job, so this slot will need to be filled.  
August 8: Historical Evening with Lisa Yoder  
August 15: Central Michigan Area Concert Band
    2. Letters to possible sponsors were sent out last week.
    3. Rain date locations: His Place will be the bad weather location for all dates.
    4. The Raffle license is in hand.
    5. The flyers have been designed and are eye-catching. They need to be posted on our website, along with the QR code. Katie will work with Al to accomplish this.
  - B. Lucky MacDuck Committee of the Whole will report at the end of this portion.
- VII. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Grant Report: ACAC, Art with Friends Project (ends summer 2023). Kate distributed notes to all board members, signed by participants.
  - B. Grant Report: Alma HS Stratford Trip (5/4/23). Jan has it.
  - C. Grant Report: Alma College Artistic Expression (5/20/2023). Sheryle submitted it .
  - D. Grant Report: ACAC, Kathleen Conover Workshop (ends 7/27/23)

- VII. New Business:
  - A. Grant Request: a request to subsidize music performers for the St. Louis Farmers Market has hit a snag in that it was submitted late. It's also unclear how the market is related to the Chamber of Commerce. Jan will contact Sara, and they will work to clear it all up. **Moved by Jeri and seconded by Cheryl to deny the application. Dana abstained. Carried with one no vote.**
  
- IX. News from our local arts organizations:
  - A. Ballyhoo Books will host Alma Trad, a low-key Irish & Scottish traditional music performance in a relaxed coffee shop environment on June 11, 2-4 p.m. Free admission.
  - B. The Gratiot String Association's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer String Fling will run weekly on Wednesday mornings July 5-Sept. 9 at First Presbyterian Church. Tuition varies and can be paid at the first class. The Pre-orchestra Class will meet for one hour; the String Fling Orchestra will meet for 90 minutes; and the Chamber Music musicians will meet for two hours.
  - C. The Breckenridge High School Marching Band will present a free performance for the public on July 28 at 4 p.m. on their football field. (Dana would love to see us there!)
  - D. Gratiot County Players Summer Youth Workshop will present "Lion King."
  
- X. Future Meetings:
  - A. 6:30 p.m. Four Seasons Room of First Presbyterian Church in Alma
    - 1. July 3 (also LMD)
    - 2. August 7 (also LMD)
    - 3. Thursday, September 7 (only LMD)
  - B. Lucky MacDuck 2023: Saturday, September 9.
  
- IV. Adjournment at 7:20 p.m.

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LUCKY MACDUCK COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE -- MEETING MINUTES

- I. Called to order at 7:23 p.m.
- A. Attendance:
  - Present:** Angie Ballard, Cheryl Barden, Jason Barden, Beth Campbell, Jan Caputo, Katie Crombe, Ty Daniels, Sheryle Dixon, Bruce Maki, Dana Molands, Jeri Piccolo, Kate Sandow, Craig Zeese, Ron Campbell, Jordan Campbell
  - Excused:** Georgia Guiett
  - Absent:** Al Bartholomew
  
- II. Approval of Agenda. **Katie moved and Angie seconded to approve.**
  
- III. Appoint Committee Chairs – no changes.
  
- IV. LMD Committee Business
  - A. Administration                      Beth Campbell.
  - B. Finances                                Jan Caputo.
    - The only expenses so far are for the raffle licenses.
  - C. Vendors/Non-profits                ??
  - D. Public Relations                      Print: Jan Caputo
    - Online: Katie Crombe & Al. The website will be updated with current year's info.

- E. Quackactivities Cheryl Barden and friends.  
She is searching for a good source of pine from which the prisoners will create the derby ducks. Angie will check to see if there are 2x6 pine scraps at the Strand. They should all be from the same source, so the ducks weigh the same. If need be, Cheryl will try to find someone/a business to donate the wood as well as wristbands.
- F. Prizes/Sponsors Beth Campbell, Craig Zeese, Kate Sandow  
260 sponsor request letters for Evenings in the Park and Lucky MacDuck have been mailed. They will touch base with those the recipients beginning in August.
- G. Entertainment Jason Barden – Three groups confirmed, others still tentative.
- H. Tickets Jeri Piccolo – Roger Allman will sell at the Alma Farmer’s Market. We will need volunteers to sell at the Evenings in the Park and at Ballyhoo Books. Jeri will contact Kopy Korner for ticket printing. She will email you to see how many tickets you would like to try to sell.
- I. Volunteers Sheryle Dixon, Beth Campbell  
Sheryle says the college is still using last year’s unsatisfactory sign-up/volunteer system. On August 26, Alma College students will be available to help verify that we have all the ducks ready to go. Perhaps some of them will volunteer to help at LMD.
- J. Facilities/Grounds Ron Campbell  
Ron will contact the Health Dept. and Jeff Naessens about using a heating box for pizza.
- K. Food Ron Campbell  
He will contact the Health Dept. about the license.
- 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. Sheryle did an inventory, and we will need to order more tee-shirts in blue.
- M. CAG Show Kate Sandow  
She has reserved the Smith room for the Art Show as well as the small room which the performers can use.
- N. Duck Race Jordan Campbell  
The Queen of Scots will be at the duck launch and finish line. Will need one more volunteer for in the river. Tyler Daniels and Jared Barden will help.
- O. After-glow Party Ron & Beth Campbell  
At their home on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.

**V. Adjournment: Craig moved and Ty seconded to adjourn at 8:00. Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Piccolo (secretary)

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