

PINE RIVER ARTS COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2024

- I. Public Comment: None.
- II. Called to Order at 6:35 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Alma.
- III. Attendance:
Present: Angie Ballard, Cheryl Barden, Jason Barden, Beth Campbell, Jan Caputo, Ty Daniels, Sheryle Dixon, Georgia Guiett, Bruce Maki, Jeri Piccolo, Kate Sandow, Craig Zeese
Excused: Katie Crombe, Dana Molands
Absent: Al Bartholomew
- IV. Approval of Agenda: **Georgia moved and Angie seconded to approve the Agenda. Carried.**
- V. Officers Reports:
 - A. Secretary's Report: **Craig moved and Kate seconded to approve the February 2024 minutes as amended. Carried.** Jeri abstained.
 - B. Treasurer's Report: The February 2024 Financial Report showed ending cash on hand of \$4,745.64 and available cash of \$2,745.64. The reports were accepted.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Evenings in the Park: Katie and Jason met. Things are proceeding. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Katie or Jason.
 - B. New to You Sale: Saturday, May 4, 9:00-3:00. Beth presented a draft of the flyer which will be sent to schools, etc. We should advertise online. Jan will not be here that day.
 - C. Board Nominating Committee
 1. Terms are ending for Al B., Katie C., Sheryle D., Kate S., Craig Z.
 2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of Jan, Cheryl B, and Georgia.
- VII. Liaison Reports:
 - A. Alma Public Arts Advisory Board: Chairperson Nick Piccolo created a flowchart as a talking point about how decisions could be made.
 - B. Alma College Freshman Seminar 2023 students started an Instagram account for PRAC but never turned that account over to us. Beth is trying to get someone from the college to help with this.
- VIII. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Grant Report: Fulton Schools 3-D Art Class grant (ends June 2024).
 - B. Alma College Community Learning Agreement
 - C. St. Louis Farmers Market
- IX. New Business
- X. News from our local arts organizations:
 - A. The Arts United event (fundraiser for the United Way) takes place Thursday evening, March 7, at Alma College.

- B. Ballyhoo Books hosts Second Saturday Open Mic at 6:30 on March 9. Admission is free. This is an open sign-up event to share stories, songs, poetry, or prose. Both original works and favorite pieces by other writers are welcome. It is intended for an adult audience. Time allotted will be determined by the number of participants.
- C. Gratiot String Association's Winter/Spring Concert will take place in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church at 7p.m. on Thursday, March 14. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.
- D. Ballyhoo Books will host Alma Trad at 2 p.m. on Sundays, March 17 (on St. Patrick's Day!) and 31. Alma Trad is a traditional Irish and Scottish music jam session in a relaxed coffee shop atmosphere.
- E. Alma High School Forensics will present Friends and Family Night on April 11 at 6:30 in Room C308 at AHS. Admission is free!
- F. The Creative Arts Guild will host their annual art show at the Pine River Country Club April 18-20 from 11-7:00. An artist's reception will be held at the show on Sunday, April 21, 12-4 p.m. (Times are subject to change.) Admission is free.
- G. GCP's May production of the musical "Roald Dahl's Willie Wonka" will be the middle two weekends of May at the Strand Theater. Please go to their website (Gratiot County Players) for more information or to order tickets.

X. Future Meetings:

- A. April 1, 6:30 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room of First Presbyterian Church in Alma

XI. Adjournment at 6:55 p.m. **Jason moved and Jeri seconded to adjourn.**

Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Piccolo (secretary)

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