

Present: Simone Dorcas, Tim Gadzinski, Jennifer Hogan, Dan Juchniewich, Lori Kirby, Jim Konitzer, Christine Kornely, Charles Ratigan, Eric Sitkiewitz, Dolly Stokes, Tom Van Horn, Amy Fricke-Weigel,

Absent: Jill Hennessey, Jane Spindler, Tricia Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Fricke-Weigel

A motion was made by Van Horn and seconded by Gadzinski to accept the March minutes.

Presidents Report – Amy Fricke-Weigel

1. Financial Review

Current budget sheets were reviewed

2. Website

Committee: Fricke-Weigel, Dorcas, Gadzinski, Kirby, Sitkiewitz

A preliminary mock up was shown to the board. Layout details are still being worked on.

The committee informed the board that due to the number of pages, there will be an additional cost of \$500

3. Personnel

Fricke-Weigel received permission from the Common Council on Monday 4/4/11 to begin the search for a new director. The position was posted by Human Resources on April 19, 2011. It was decided to not list a cut off date at this time.

Search committee: Fricke-Weigel, Hogan, Kornely, Ratigan & Zimmerman

4. Police/Fire Exhibition

The title of this exhibit will be Police & Fire Chronicles: A History of the Manitowoc Police and Fire Departments. Details of the memorial service on 09-11-11 were discussed. All Board members were asked to attend this ceremony

5. Sputnikfest – Gadzinski

It was suggested that a shuttle be available between Lobsterfest, Sputnikfest & Breastfest on September 10th. Ratigan has made contact with Tony's Pizza and is waiting for a response.

Sponsors are needed for this event. Board members were asked to make contacts for possible sponsorships. Gadzinski will put together a list of potential sponsors

6. Education Classes

Sponsorships: Need to develop a protocol for the sponsorship program.

Museum employees are not required to pay class fees, but must cover cost of materials.

7. Donors

The Sponsorship/Donor letter drawn up by Jet Services was reviewed and discussion on content followed. Letter should go out the end of April

8. Grants

Jet Services was able to find numerous grants that we would qualify for. If we wish to have them do the actual grant writing, there is an additional cost, depending on the grant. After some discussion it was decided a committee should be formed to review the potential grants.

Collections – Dan Juchniewich

1. Acquisitions

A motion was made by Stokes and seconded by Fricke-Weigel to accept the following artwork:

From the estate of Mrs. Anderson of Two Rivers

Milkweed, watercolor by Alice Saucier

Lantern Still Life, watercolor by Alice Saucier

Church Steeple, oil on masonite by Bertha Gesell

From Chris Zeman

Grandma's Kitchen, watercolor by Erna Mueller,

2. Rudy Rotter Collection

The Rudy Rotter Museum will be closing the end of May. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the future of the Rudy Rotter Collection and what the RWAM's involvement should be. The board and Mayor Nickels were invited to tour the facility on Thursday, April 21st at 9:00 am. All board members were encouraged to participate in this tour. No definite decision was made at this board meeting.

3. Who is in charge of choosing and scheduling exhibitions

VanHorn felt the board should be more involved with the decision making. Stokes stated it has always been the practice of the board to let the Director make these decisions and present them to the board for approval and input. The consensus of the board was to keep this practice in place.

Motion made by Sitkiewitz & seconded by Konitzer to adjourn at 1:30 pm

Next meeting will be at the Rahr-West Art Museum on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at noon.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Schroeder