

Present: Simone Dorcas, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Jill Hennessey, Dan Juchniewich, Lori Kirby, Jim Konitzer, Christine Kornely, Bill Pohlman, Eric Sitkiewitz, Jane Spindler, Dolly Stokes, Greg Vadney, Tricia Zimmermann

Absent: Tom Van Horn,

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Fricke-Weigel

A motion was made by Stokes seconded by Kirby and unanimously approved by the board to accept the November Minutes as written.

Presidents Report - Amy Fricke-Weigel

Financial Review

1. On December 15th the mayor has put a freeze on spending until the middle/end of January 2012.

Membership Committee

1. A meeting will be scheduled in January to review levels and perhaps simplify.

Special Events

Council and Mayor have asked us to increase revenues wherever possible, so we need to look at holding special events at the Rahr.

1. Working with the legal dept on a contract.
2. Need to create a brochure
3. Develop a fee structure

Sputnikfest Committee

1. A meeting will be scheduled in January to plan for the September 8, 2012 Festival.
2. Joe Mclafferty would like us to coordinate with Lobster Fest, which occurs on the same day.
3. Perhaps extend the hours of Sputnikfest so people from Lobster Fest can come after Lobster fest is over.

Recommendation for Board Members

1. Motion was made by Dorcas, seconded by Zimmerman and unanimously approved by the board to invite Ann Wind to be a member at large on the RWAM Charitable Foundation Board.

Goals/Procedure for Evaluation - Director

1. Still a work in progress - Waiting to see how budget plays out.
2. Board will do an evaluation in May and October. The Mayor will also do an evaluation in October and it will be yearly after that.

Chamber of Commerce Nomination

The Manitowoc/Two Rivers Chamber of Commerce notified the RWAM that the Police & Fire Chronicles Exhibit has been nominated for the Community Cooperation Award.

Firefighters convention will be held in Manitowoc in 2013, so we might want to bring a piece of that exhibit back for this.

Director's Report - Greg Vadney

Budget for 2012 - 21% budget cut to RWAM

1. Effects on Personnel
 - a. The curator position has been reduced to part time curatorial assistant.
 - b. Eliminating guards during the week. - will drop from 8 to 6 guards

- i. Vadney spoke with AAM and this will not affect our accreditation.
 - ii. Volunteers will help out during the week.
 - c. Custodial service will be cut from 8 to 3 hours per day.
2. No Longer open on Wednesday evenings to the public, but Wednesday evening classes will continue.

Building Project

1. Will go ahead with building renovation plan.
2. Jim Muenzenmeyer will still be liaison with city, but will not be able to devote as much time to the project.
3. Architects would like to see a Vision Statement.
 - a. Vadney asked for "imaginative" input from the board as to what their vision is for RWAM.
4. Received an anonymous donation of \$10,000 toward the project from a member of the Governing Board..
5. Will try to get on the January Agenda for the West Foundation Board once the City Budget is in place.

Exhibit Schedule

Current Exhibit "Collection Selections" will continue into February

Youth Art Exhibitions will be March - May

New Island Project - April

Women in the Arts - June

- a. Use our collection
- b. Welcome back the O'Keeffe

County Artists - August

"At this moment in Manitowoc" Billboard on I43

There was some discussion as to how we can get the RWAM on this billboard periodically.

Events

1. Received a request to hold a wedding in the large gallery in the mansion in January.
 - a. There would be no flowers or food
 - b. No Set up
 - c. Approximately 20-25 guests - no seating necessary
 - d. ½ hour ceremony

A motion was made by Stokes, seconded by Hennessey and unanimously approved by the board to allow the wedding to be held in the Vilas-Rahr mansion. There will be a written contract and a one time fee of \$125 will be charged until a fee structure is in place.

RWAM Friends Advisory Committee - Tricia Zimmerman

Meeting in January will be looking at setting up different events throughout 2012. Some suggestions made by the board were:

1. A Family Christmas Photo Shoot
2. Mother/Daughter Tea

Collections - Dan Juchniewich

1. Networking for Past Perfect is now on 3 computers. Can be increased to 5
2. Susan Murtaugh Apple Ipad paintings

3 pieces donated to the collection

A motion was made by Stokes, seconded by Kornely and unanimously approved by the board to accept these three pieces.

Old Business

None

Motion made by Kornely and seconded by Kirby to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18th at 12:00 noon at the Rahr-West Art Museum.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Schroeder