

Present: Meg Bollinger, Jill Hennessey, Lori Kirby, Christine Kornely, Jeanie Miller, Jason Ring, Dolly Stokes, Greg Vadney, Tricia Zimmermann

Absent: Simone Dorcas, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Mike Halla, Amy Jagemann, Jim Konitzer, Tom Van Horn

In the absence of President Weigel & Vice Chair Dorcas, the meeting was called to order at 12:04 by Board Member Kornely

Public Input

No public input

Minutes

A motion was made by Bollinger, seconded by Kirby and unanimously approved by the board to accept the December Minutes as written.

Financial Review

Current budget figures were reviewed by the board
It was noted that attendance and facility rentals were up in 2012

Presidents Report - Amy Fricke-Weigel

No report

Committees

Membership/Marketing

Will meet in January to review membership and 2013 marketing plan.

Vadney & Weigel are meeting with Denise from Parks and Rec to talk about consolidating marketing pieces.

Education

Met 12-6-12, and discussed the following:

SPARK Program, which focuses on individuals suffering memory loss. RWAM will be conducting classes beginning in January and will be funded by a grant from the Helen Bader Foundation. Stacia Dick-Schuster will lead the class.

Setting up a permanent display area to showcase artwork created in our art classes.
Targeting 16-18 year old age group

Investigate the possibility of a full time Education Coordinator.

Directors Report - Greg Vadney

Membership

Reviewed current renewal figures. May need to send out reminders to those who have not renewed as of March.

Exhibits

Lounge Gallery - Community Exhibit - Civil War Remembrance

John West Gallery - Permanent Collection

Ruth West Gallery- will be empty until Youth Art in March, so we are taking this time to clean the carpeting.

Activenet

Staff training has begun on a new online system for Registrations and Payments.

The system is fee driven. Some discussion followed regarding the pros & cons of this.

Should be live online by April

Strategic Planning Meeting

February 19th at the Rahr. Vadney encouraged each board member to look at the big

picture when going through this process.

Friends Advisory Committee - Tricia Zimmerman

Receptions

The annual Mother/Daughter Tea has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4th

The Members reception for the Frank Lloyd Wright Exhibit - Thursday evening, June 6th

Equipment

Stove - because the stove will need to be vented, it may have to be installed in Room 3 instead of the mansion kitchen.

Dishwasher - Friends will be getting prices

Elections

New Officers and Board members will be elected in February.

Foundation Report - Mike Halla

In Halla's absence Vadney reviewed Annual giving.

Will look into some type of Annual Fundraiser.

Collection Report - Greg Vadney

Storage Unit

Estimates are being gathered from local contractors. Construction to begin in April

Acquisitions offered by Gary Gresl

Ceramic figurines by Junius Pleuss & a Lester Bentley plaster bust of Mr. Smalley - was previously owned by Mark Frick, son of Wm Frick a past employee of the Rahr-West.

It was the consensus of the board that these items would be a better fit for the Historical Society. The matter was tabled until Vadney has a chance to discuss further with Mr.

Gresl

Disaster Plan

Eva Hickey, Museum Curator, reviewed the major points of the museum's disaster plan.

The plan will be updated every 6 months to keep it current

Will arrange for a walk-through with the Fire Dept.

Old Business

None

The next Board of Director's meeting will be Wednesday, February 20th at 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Schroeder