

**Present:** Meg Bollinger, Judy Corrado, Carrie Estrella, Dayna Goetz, Mike Halla, Kathy Halla, Amy Jagemann, Christine Kornely, Eva Kozerski, Jeanie Miller, Steve Proszenyak, Jason Ring, Greg Vadney,

**Absent:** Phil Hoff, Eric Sitkiewitz, Tricia Zimmermann

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Board President Jagemann

**Public Input:** none

**Minutes** A motion was made by Halla, seconded by Proszenyak and unanimously approved by the board to accept the January minutes as written.

### **Financial Review**

An overview of the Museum's current budget was given to the board to review

### **Presidents Report – Amy Jagemann**

- **Board Committees**
  - Marketing/Membership**
  - No Report

#### **Education.**

- Public Library Collaboration
  - This project received a \$27,000 Grant from the West Foundation for this Summer Teen Program. The RWAM will be collaborating with the Library on a teen program series, focusing on Photography, Motion Picture, Music & digital drawing/animation.
  - The grant will be used to purchase 20 iPad Pros (10- Rahr & 10- Library), 2 hd Projectors and three video monitors. The Library also received a few other additional things to enhance their digital programming
  - Promotion will start in February
- Met with the president of SLC to collaborate on Summer Programming & year round
  - Still in initial talks, nothing specific yet
- St. Francis of Assis School Project
  - The parents group at St. Francis PTO has asked the Rahr to participate in a project that will allow parents to purchase items with the image of their children's artwork on it. It will be run by an outside company, and distributed through the school.
    - People would order and we would send in the information.
    - The museum would receive all the profits. Based on the size of the school it may not be a big money maker; but if it works we may explore this with other schools during the Youth Art Series
    - There was some discussion among the board members as to what types of permission we would need to have from the student artists if a non-family member asked to use their artwork.

#### **Collections**

- No Report

#### **Buildings**

- No report

#### **Art Fair**

- No Report

#### **Board Members**

There will be a total of 4 vacancies as of June 2016. A list of potential board members was distributed. Board members were asked to review the list and make any additions. We will vote at the March meeting on recommendations to the mayor.

### **Directors Report – Greg Vadney**

- Upcoming Events
  - Art of Conversation Speaker Series
    - Icon & Iconography – March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
      - Free to members, \$5 for non-members
      - The lecture will take place in the large room in the mansion
    - Youth Art Series begins on February 28<sup>th</sup> with MPSD – Opening on 2/28/16 at 1:00
  - American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Museum Advocacy Day
    - Vadney was asked by WI Federation of Museums to represent the State next month in Washington DC
      - Scheduled to visit the office of both of our Senators and each State Representative.
        - Has already reached out to Congressman Grothman
      - Will visit US Navy Yard Art Dept. to look at possible exhibits for next year.
      - Will try to find a connection with NASA to discuss Sputnik related collaborations.
      - AAM will provide a \$125 stipend to help with travel costs of approx. \$650
    - A motion was made by Kornely, seconded by Proszenyak to approve this trip and to pay up to \$650 in travel expenses.
  - Museum Travel Alliance
    - The Rahr was invited to become a member of the new Museum Travel Alliance. The Rahr would agree to promote the travel options created by this organization in exchange for \$500 for each RWAM member that utilizes the program. There is no member fee.
    - A motion was made by Ring, seconded by Proszenyak and unanimously approved by the board that the Rahr-West Art Museum should become a member of the Museum Travel Alliance.
  - Electronic Billboards
    - There was some discussion as to whether these are a good investments
    - We will be utilizing them throughout the Summer and possibly Fall
    - Will add billboards to our guest register as a choice of how they heard about us

### **Friends Advisory Committee – Jeanie Miller**

- Chocolate and Champagne Event – February 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 pm
  - 67 people attended with 36 taking the Collection Vault Tour
  - Beerntsen Confectionary donated 12 lbs of chocolate for this event
- Art of Conversation Lecture Series
  - The next lecture will be Icon and Iconography: The Revelation of the Spiritual Life
    - Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm
    - Katherine de Shazer, Iconographer, will be the speaker
    - The lecture will be held in the center gallery of the mansion
- Conservatory update
  - Doors will be planed the weekend of February 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Miller and Vadney will go and look at pedestals this week
  - Waiting for glass conservator to pick up glass pieces

### **Foundation – Mike Halla**

- Reviewed Financials
- Still working on Board Membership

### **Collections – Eva Kozerski**

- Permanent Collection will be coming down to make room for Youth Art
- The two newest acquisitions are on display in the center gallery of the Mansion
- There was some discussion regarding items that are currently stored at the Heritage Center
  - It is not clear if these belong to the Rahr-West

- If they are, we will need to find storage space

**Old Business**

Need to set up a building/grounds meeting  
Miller asked the status on Conservatory upgrade

**New Business**

- Miller suggested submit a grant request to the West Foundation to upgrade the landscaping around the building
- There was discussion regarding the process involved in de-accessioning pieces of the collection
- Goetz suggested a music recital be held during MPSD Youth Art.
  - Goetz will make the necessary inquiries
  - A potential date of March 13, 2016 was suggested.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Kornely and unanimously approved by the board to adjourn at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Elaine Schroeder