

Present: Meg Bollinger, Rhienna Gabriel, Candice Giesen, Mike Halla, Phil Hoff, Adam Lovell, Jeanie Miller, Patrick Neuenfeldt, Steve Proszenyak, Greg Vadney, Amy Fricke-Weigel

Absent: Carrie Estrella, Erin LaBonte, Dolly Stokes

Public Input - None

Minutes

Motion was made by Halla, seconded by Weigel and unanimously approved by the board to accept the June minutes as written.

Reviewed Financial Accounts

President Report – Steven Proszenyak

Committee Reports

Education

- Majority of the meeting was spent on discussing the replacement of instructor Amy Zander. Looking for an individual with experience beyond painting/drawing. Would like an individual with the ability to do Grant Writing, fundraising, graphic design, social media, etc.
- A description is being created and will be submitted to H.R.

Membership-Marketing

- Discussed the marketing of 2018 Art of Conversation
- Discussed the need for Graphic Design Work and distribution of marketing pieces

Board Personnel

- Lori Kirby will be the board's recommendation to the Council as our new board member.
- She should be approved at the next Council Meeting

Mission Statement

The board was asked for input into a possible new mission statement. Some suggestions were:

- The Rahr is the cornerstone of art in Manitowoc.
- Need to engage other cultures – be a welcoming place for all people

Proszenyak will set up a schedule to develop a new mission and vision statement. Possibly with the assistance of a facilitator.

Director Report-Greg Vadney

- Marc Chagall LeCirque  
This exhibit continues to break all attendance records with an average of 80+ visitors per day.

- Personnel

Custodial Needs

Vadney expressed his concern that the lack of proper cleaning in the lower level of the building could become a health issue, especially the areas frequented by children and where food is being served. It was suggested that we look into hiring an outside firm to clean the lower level of the building on a regular basis.

- Buildings/Grounds
  - Boiler – The City Council has approved the replacement of the boiler in the new section of the Rahr. This will take place in Fall of 2017
  - Carpeting – The museum received a project estimate of \$33,000 for replacement of carpeting in the museum. The museum & city are considering different options for funding the replacement.
  - Wall Coverings – The museum is looking into replacing the wall coverings in the galleries. The current wall covering material is no longer available, so we are looking into other options.
- Sputnikfest
  - The committee is working on finalizing plans for this year’s festival, which will take place on Saturday, September 9th
  - Board members were asked to sign up to help with the Friday night event “Aliens in the Alley”

#### Rahr-West Friends Committee Report

- The Members’ Bus Trip to MOWA was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the trip.
- The next reception will be the Opening of the RWAM Membership & Manitowoc County Artists Exhibit on August 27th.

#### Foundation Report- President Mike Halla

- Reviewed Financials
- The 2018 Fundraiser will be held the Friday, February 9, 2018. Jane t Planet has been booked as the entertainment. More details will follow.
- The next committee meeting is July 25th

#### Collection Report – Adam Lovell – NO REPORT

#### Old Business

A motion was made by Weigel, seconded by Neuenfeldt and unanimously approved by the board to adjourn at 1:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Schroeder