

Rahr-West Art Museum Board of Director Minutes
September 20, 2017

Present: Meg Bollinger, Candice Giesen, Mike Halla, Lori Kirby, Erin LaBonte, Adam Lovell, Jeanie Miller, Patrick Neuenfeldt , Steve Proszenyak, Dolly Stokes, Greg Vadney, Amy Fricke-Weigel

Absent: Rhienna Gabriel, Carrie Estrella, Phil Hoff,

Meeting was called to order by President Proszenyak at 12:00

- Public Input
none
- Vadney welcomed Lori Kirby as our new board member, and introductions were made by all current members.
- Minutes
Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Giesen and unanimously approved by the board to accept the August minutes as written.
- Reviewed Financial Accounts

President Report

Committees

Education

- Art of Conversation
Align Speakers with Exhibits & Events
Friends are also recruiting speakers
Would like out of area speakers without a lot of overhead costs
- Halloween In The Mansion
October 25th 5:30 – 7:00 pm
There will be an art project, stories and candy bags
The board members were asked to contribute candy to this event and bring it to the October Meeting.

Membership-Marketing

- More discussion on the Upgrade of website to make it more user friendly for sign-ups
Neuenfeldt suggested using the WAVE app to assess our current website
- Graphic Design Work
Several suggestions were made as to how to generate the graphics for marketing
 - A requirement of the new Administrative Support Specialist
 - Class Projects from area schools
 - Intern Program
 - Marketing consultant
- Membership

Offering a discount for earlier renewal in 2017 had very little impact on renewals.
Need to make signup available online
Discussion followed as to possible membership benefit additions.

- Buildings & Grounds
This committee will meet the 4th Monday of every other month at 2:00 PM. The next meeting is September 25, 2017
- RWAM Mission Statement
It was decided to hold off on any revisions at this time.

Director Report-Greg Vadney

- Exhibits/Events
 - Tablesettings Opens October 8th with the Members Preview on October 5th.
 - Waters Edge Artists Opens October 1st with their reception on October 6th.
 - Halloween in the Mansion is October 25th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM
 - 2018 Schedule
 - We were not given permission to lease the Warhol Exhibit for the Summer of 2018 due to humidity issues in the galleries. Vadney presented other options
 - Modern Masters: Twentieth Century Prints
 - Modern Print art – could be supplemented with pieces from the RWAM Collection
 - Cloth as Community: Hmong Textiles In America
 - James Whistler Etchings – 65 black & white etchings from the 1870'sThere was discussion regarding our inability to get Big Name Exhibits due to the limitations of our facility.
 - Quilt Exhibit in December
 - Lakeshore Artists Guild Exhibit in Late 2018
- Human Resources
Art Educator position has 3 candidates – will interview this coming week
Security Guard position has two solid candidates – will schedule interviews
- Sputnikfest
Overall Sputnikfest was successful. The weather was perfect and the numbers far exceeded 2016. Vadney thanked all those involved. The wrap-up committee will meet on Tuesday, October 10th at 5:00 pm. Feedback from Board Members was encouraged.
- 2018 City Budget
 - Museum's budget is similar to 2017 and was submitted 8-7-17.

Rahr-West Friends Advisory Committee – Jeanie Miller

- Working on Art of Conversation Schedule for 2018
- Holding off on Kitchen renovation until 2018
- Planning aTea in 2018. The speaker will give a talk on Aprons

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- Art Cart Renovation
A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Stokes and unanimously approved by the board to purchase a display cabinet for the art cart at a cost of \$2447.

Foundation Report – Mike Halla

- Reviewed Financials
- 2018 Fundraiser “A Romantic Evening with Janet Planet” February 9, 2018
 - Save the date cards will be mailed next week.
 - Tickets will go on sale to members in December and the general public in January
 - Fricke-Weigel & Giesen are chairing the event
- The Foundation is looking into adding additional cabinets in the education room.

Collection Report – Adam Lovell

- Kelly Dick requested the return of artwork that was gifted to the museum. The committee voted not to. Lovell will contact Ms Dick.
- The committee accepted the donation of an untitled piece by Lester Schwartz from Paul Grens.
- The new exhibit labels created by the summer intern were reviewed and discussed.

Public Arts Commission

There was a great deal of discussion regarding our involvement with this commission, and whether or not there will actually be a need for one

- Gabriel would like to collaborate with City Entities and local art organizations.
- A committee will meet to discuss. Committee members are: Estrella, Gabriel, LeBonte, Neuenfeldt & Stokes. LaBonte will email the committee members and set up a date to meet. This committee will report back to the board.

Old Business

The board members selected the Sputnikfest Coloring contest winners

A motion was made by Halla, seconded by Fricke-Weigel and unanimously approved by the board to adjourn at 1:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Schroeder