

**Rahr-West Art Museum**  
**Board of Director Minutes**

June 19, 2019

Present: Diana Bolander, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Amy Gehrig, Phil Hoff, Lori Kirby, Jeremiah Novak, Dolly Stokes, Greg Vadney, HaLeigh Zipperer

Absent: Carrie Estrella, Candice Giesen, Erin LaBonte, Steve Proszenyak,

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Stokes at 12:01pm

2. Public Input

None

3. Minutes –Stokes

Motion was made by Amy Fricke-Weigel, seconded by Amy Gehrig, and unanimously approved by the board to accept the May minutes as written.

4. Review of Financial Accounts

No questions

5. President Report--Stokes

a. Education Committee—Hoff

The Education Committee met June 14. They discussed the Digital Arts Program, which began June 18. The digital arts program has only one opening and the podcasting portion has several openings available. There are four workshops for adults scheduled for the coming months. A Bob Ross painting class, Book Binding, Felted Flowers, and Felted Pouches.

Youth classes are going well. The Wacky Weekend Workshop will be taking place at the Maritime Museum in July, in conjunction with Subfest. The Preschool Palette field trip will be taking place on June 20. As of today, there are 26 registrations.

The SPARK! Program was held at the Maritime Museum in July. There was very good participation. Pinecrest has started a SPARK! Program, which is going very well. Heather hopes to partner with them for 2020

The Art of Conversation series has several speakers scheduled. There was very poor attendance of the Thomas Hart Benton program that took place on June 9. The Naval Art speaker for July 11 has cancelled. Vadney has been talking with another individual to speak on Thomas Hart Benton at the end of August. There is some concern, as the week in question has another AOC on August 18, the Members & County Artists opening will take place on August 25. The Friends bus trip will be taking place in August. It was also mentioned that Barb Timmel will be doing a talk on Charles Dix on July 28.

A discovery cart/center was created in the gallery with the Dix/White exhibition.

b. Membership/Marketing Committee—Fricke-Weigel

The committee did not meet. Next meeting is July 15 at 11:30. Vadney will review the 2018/2019 marketing efforts and recommendations will be made for the next year's marketing budget.

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- c. Buildings & Grounds Committee—Vadney  
Did not meet
- d. Public Arts Committee—Vadney  
Committee will be meeting June 20. Main discussion will be focused on the Mirro fence project. Fence wrap project was approved to move forward using some EPA Funding. A conference call to establish a timeline will take place today. The sign company will begin printing next week.
- e. Development Committee—Vadney  
Did not meet.
- f. Board Involvement/Participation—Vadney  
Vadney urged Board members to be involved with the museum by participating in and attending various events throughout the year.

- 6. Director Report-Vadney  
LeCirque was delivered to the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee. The exhibit opened June 13 and will run through September 8.

Art Bridges reached out to the museum to invite us to participate in their Art Bridges program, in which they share objects from their collections at no cost. The Curator of the Swope Art Museum also discussed the potential of establishing a reciprocal partnership with the Rahr-West Art Museum.

The Foundation Board approved up to \$21,000 for renovations to the front office, provided the City matches the other \$21,000. The proposal will go to the Capital Allocations group in July for a vote as to whether or not it is added to the 2020 budget.

Museum staff held a team building paint-pour class. This was two-fold, as staff had the opportunity to socialize with each other. It also gave the educators the opportunity to test new methods for upcoming art classes.

There were several public appearances for museum staff in May. Bolander spoke on Be My Guest and participated in webcast with the Mayor in Vadney's absence while at jury duty. Vadney wrote an article, which was featured in the Municipality magazine. He also filmed with Coffee on the Coast, part of Vagabond Studio's Coolest Coast Campaign.

- 7. Rahr-West Friends Committee Report—Gehrig  
The Friends held a Tea on May 18. It was very well attended. They are also planning their annual bus trip August 7, going to the Paine in Oshkosh. Additionally, a group of the Friends updated the landscaping in the courtyard.
- 8. Foundation Report-Vadney  
Next Foundation meeting will take place July 23. The Board will discuss the 2020 fundraiser, as well as review a draft of the 2019 annual appeal.
- 9. Collection Report  
Collections committee met June 18. They discussed one potential acquisition and the committee decided they needed more information before making a decision. Bolander participated in a class

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about reorganizing collections. She brought the collections committee on a tour of the collections storage and the curator's office and discussed potential changes. She also wanted to thank Halvor Halvorsen for building crates for the LeCirque pieces on a short time line.

10. Old Business

Vadney wanted to discuss the motion that was passed in May, banning facility fee waivers for any group at any time. It is very difficult to determine need for fee waivers. Additionally, fundraising events are typically not allowed a waiver of fees. There was discussion regarding how to handle requests for fee waivers. It was determined that Vadney will come up with criteria for evaluating requests for fee waivers. He will have the attorney's office review it, then will take it to the Board.

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by Fricke-Weigel, seconded by Phil Hoff, and unanimously approved by the board to adjourn at 12:46 pm.

Submitted by Melissa Franz, Administrative Support Specialist