

Present: Simone Dorcas, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Tim Gadzinski, Jill Hennessey, Barb Bundy Jost, Augie Krieser, Eric Sitkiewitz, Jane Spindler, Dolly Stokes, Thomas Van Horn, Jim Muenzenmeyer, Dan Juchniewich, Jim Konitzer.

Absent: Jennifer Hogan, Charles Ratigan

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Dolly Stokes

Motion was made by Hennessey and seconded by Spindler to accept the July meeting minutes.

Presidents Report – Dolly Stokes - No Report.

Directors Report – Barb Bundy-Jost

- Bundy-Jost announced she is taking a teaching position with the Manitowoc Public School District effective August 30, 2010 and will be leaving the Rahr-West Art Museum Director post. Stokes will call an Executive Committee meeting and work on a press release.
- Membership
 - Lifetime Membership benefits were presented. How this level fits in with other offerings was discussed. A spreadsheet listing membership levels and member #s at those levels was requested for the September meeting.
 - This will be revisited at the September Meeting when data is present.
- New Board Member Update
 - Discussion of Chris Able as a citizen member of governing board – is there a conflict of interest due to his position on the Common Council. Bundy-Jost should check with Kristen Clark and report back to the board.
- AAM presentation in Cleveland, Ohio / October 6-9. Board would like to have Bundy-Jost still make presentation on the museum's behalf. She will check with the Manitowoc Public School District and get back to the board.
- Sputnikfest plans were presented. Bundy-Jost will fulfill her commitment to the festival. The board was invited to participate in working on Friday night to raise funds for the museum.
- Fundraising
 - Foundation letter returns are slowly coming in. Discussion on timing of mailing was raised by Fricke-Weigel. Summer schedules and vacations may impede giving. It was determined that late October or early November would have been more suitable.
 - Picture Puzzle proposal for 4'x6' painting of the mansion cut into pieces. Sell pieces to raise money. Konitzer recommended the slogan "Help us put the pieces together".
- Sculpture – "Spirit of the River"
 - Discussed museum's involvement in the project. Tom Van Horn updated the board on current status of sculpture project. Due to city regulations the board advised the Spirit of the Rivers committee to host their fundraising event at another location.

Education Report

- Summer session is wrapping up and budget was presented.

Collections

- Laura Schecter painting
 - Spindler recommended accepting. Stokes seconded. All board members approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm

The next board meeting will be **Wednesday, September 15th at 12:00 noon**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bundy-Jost