

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Muscatine Art Center
February 17, 2011**

Present: Mark Huddleston, Jan Henderson, Caren Luke, David Meloy Tom Spread Jeffrey Stone.

Absent: Jennifer Conard, Doug Krieger and Becky Wichers

Staff: Barb Christensen

President, Tom Spread opened the meeting.

Visitors: Gregg Mandsager, Muscatine City Administrator

Permitting Fire Arms on Art Center Property: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator, addressed the Board of Trustees regarding firearms on Art Center property. Mandsager provided the Trustees with a copy of Senate File 2379 enacted by the 2010 Iowa General Assembly addressing this issue. No action taken.+

Minutes: It was moved by David Meloy, seconded by Jeffrey Stone to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2011, regular meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

Rescinding of Resolution: Based on the recommendation of the City Administrator, it was moved by Caren Luke and seconded by David Meloy, the resolution, in the minutes of January 20, 2011, prohibiting citizens from carrying guns inside the Art Center buildings and on Art Center property be rescinded. The motion passed with one (1) vote against. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will try and meet with a committee from the Musser Public Library to see if the Library board would like to jointly approach City Council about a firearms resolution.

Bills: It was moved by Caren Luke, seconded by David Meloy to approve payment of monthly bills totaling \$2,765.04. Motion carried. Tom Spread and Mark Huddleston signed the Schedule of Bills by Fund.

Credit Card Expenses - Monthly credit card expenses totaling \$290.88 were approved for payment. Tom Spread and Mark Huddleston signed the Monthly Log of Credit Card Expenditures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Collections: Jan Henderson reported.

1) **Iowa Legislation for Sale of Art** – The Board discussed the ramifications of the Iowa House subcommittee's vote in favor of legislation to sell the Pollock's Mural painting to fund student scholarships. The painting was donated in 1951 by Peggy Guggenheim to the University of Iowa. Members of the Board were encouraged to contact their local legislators.

2) **Wilmer Collection** - Barb Christensen will prepare a press release announcing the receipt of the Wilmer Collection that is currently on display at the Art Center.

Building & Grounds: Mark Huddleston reported

1) **Walkway Lights** – The lights are still inoperable and pose a safety issue. Mark Huddleston will contact Randy Hill, Public Works Director, for solution to this problem.

2) **Art Center Security** - Mark Huddleston reported on his review of an option for additional security to protect individual pieces of art. No action required.

3) **Shade Trees on Jayne House Property** - Muscatine Branching Out received a \$2,000+ grant to plant shade trees on the Jayne House property. Muscatine Branching Out and Keep Muscatine Beautiful will work together to plant during Earth Week (April 19-23).

Finance & Budget: Caren Luke reported.

- 1) **Financials** – No financials received.

Long Range Planning: Jeffrey Stone reported.

1) The Committee met and discussed future requirements for facility improvements and funding going forward. No action required.

Personnel: Barb Christensen reported.

1) **Board of Trustee Members** - Tom Spread, Becky Wichers and Caren Luke have agreed to remain on the Board for another term. Several names were discussed. Mayor Richard O'Brien needs to approve the selection by the May 2011 City Council meeting.

Program/Publicity: Barb Christensen reported.

1) **Committee Name Change:** Barb Christensen discussed changing the name of the Program/Publicity committee to the Education Committee. The new committee would be a more functional committee and a liaison with the school district. This is a standing committee and a name change will require a change of the By-laws. No action taken.

Program Coordinator's Report: Barb Christensen reported.

1) **Mary Cownie, Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs** - lunch and tour scheduled on Friday, February 18, 2011, at the Art Center.

2) **Alexander Clark and Jim White Drama** presented by Kent Sissel on Sunday, February 20, 2011, at 2:00 PM.

3) **John Bloom Lecture** presented by Les Bell, Professor of Art, St. Ambrose University, on Sunday, February 27, 2011, at 2:00 PM.

4) **Mosaic Project** reception for Elementary Schools scheduled for Sunday, March 27, 2011, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Directors Report: Attached for review.

Program Coordinator Report: Attached for review.

Unfinished Business: Tom Spread reported.

- 1) **Eckhardt Estate** – Money was received and deposited.

New Business: Barb Christensen reported.

- 1) **Office Furniture** – The Art Center, assistance from HNI has received a new desk in the Stanley Gallery and a new credenza in the Director's office.

2) **Computer Expense Request** – Barb Christensen presented a request for \$6,248.43 to upgrade three (3) computers with Mimzy, a museum program to enable easier data entry, faster speed, and eventually make information available to public. Following discussion, it was moved by David Meloy, seconded by Caren Luke to authorize \$6,248.43 payment for the computer upgrades with the funds coming from the Support Foundation. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Henderson, Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of January 2010
February 17, 2010

Total number of visitors for January 2011
1126

Total number of visitors for January 2010
759

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2011
1126

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2010
759

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of January)

March 14, 2010 – January 9, 2011

Springs Sprockets & Pulleys

January 30, 2011 – March 6, 2011

John Bloom

January 10, 2011 – January 16, 2011

Muscatine High School Art Show - Studio

November 1, 2010 - January 9, 2011

Gifts to the Permanent Collection from Colonel Richard and Sandra Toye

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – February)

January 30, 2011 – March 6, 2011

John Bloom

February 17, 2011 - June 2011

Sarah King Wilmer Collection

OTHER

January 10,

Muscatine High School Art Show set-up and reception

January 12,

Support Foundation Meeting

January 13,

Friends Board Meeting

January 20,

Muscatine Art Center Board of Trustees meeting

January 21,

Public Reception for Police Chief Candidates

January 29,

Eagles and Ivories Concert

January 30,

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John Bloom opening reception

ACQUISITIONS

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director