

## URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ART GALLERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 11, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Irene Cameron, Tam Martin, Ivan Martin, Charlotte Saliers, Ted Saliers, Emma Thomas-McGinnis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Larry Kusmaul, Sandy Kusmaul

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nicholas Janning, Brianna Ryan, Staci Stanton

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Nicholas called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** The committee reviewed the agenda and Emma proposed that we move the Staff Report before New Business since reviewing artist applicants for next year's exhibits would take up most of our time and focus. The change was made and the committee approved the revised agenda.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** The committee reviewed and approved the July minutes.

**CITIZENS FORUM:** None

**APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:** The committee reviewed and approved the report.

### 1. STAFF REPORT

#### a. Art Day 2024

The Public Art Committee (PAC) invited members of the Art Gallery Committee to join a monthly Art Day planning meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM. All the committee members have other commitments that conflict with that time. Charlotte had previously sat down and talked with the PAC and shared all the knowledge she had about past Art Days, so the committee felt it wasn't necessary for them to attend the monthly meetings. They felt comfortable leaving it in the hands of the PAC at this point.

#### b. Public Art Committee Yearly Presentation and Funds Request

Charlotte brought up the treasury report and mentioned that we were close to getting enough funds to cover replacing the current hanging system. Emma had researched the cost 2 years ago and with the \$1000 we can request at PAC's November meeting we would have enough funds to update. Emma and Charlotte discussed that the cost for the replacement hanging system could have gone up since 2 years ago or the system they had discovered before might not be the best choice anymore. Charlotte agreed they should do some research again to get a more concrete number that they could present to the PAC. Charlotte believed from talking with the PAC previously that we could potentially ask for a little more than \$1000 if we had exact numbers and a clear outline of what the item would be used for.

The committee would like to combine the update and funds request at the PAC November meeting if possible. Nicholas will follow up with PAC to see if that will fit into their November agenda.

Nicholas is compiling photos and tidbits in a PowerPoint to share at the PAC update meeting and encouraged the Art Gallery Committee to send anything they would like to have included in the presentation to him.

### 2. MISCELLANEOUS

#### a. New Urbandale Public Library Art Gallery Committee Members

- i. Tam and Ivan Martin are joining the committee and introduced themselves at this meeting.

- ii. Jeff Suchomel was an artist we had in the gallery in 2022 who expressed interest in joining our committee. He was from out of town and was looking to move locally. Charlotte is in contact with Jeff, and he plans to be at the next meeting in January 2024.

b. 2023 Receptions

The next reception will be on October 22 for the joint exhibit of W.B. Allen and the Des Moines Weavers and Spinners Guild. Gary and Kathleen Hoard are in the exhibit following them from November 19-January 6 and are not planning on having a reception.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review applicants for the 2024 art gallery exhibits

The committee reviewed 19 artists and groups that had applied to be in the Urbandale Public Library Art Gallery next year. In the applications, artists included what medium they generally worked with, if they had a theme they wanted to explore, if they would be open to a solo or a shared exhibit, and examples of their work. With only 8 exhibit spots to fill the committee reviewed the artists that were open to having a shared exhibit and grouped artists with either a cohesive message or compatible art styles. The committee gave preference to artists who hadn't recently shown their work in the Urbandale Public Library Art Gallery. After reviewing and grouping applicants, 13 were selected to be part of the exhibit lineup next year with 9 of the 13 having shared exhibits.

Emma offered to contact all 19 applicants and work with the selected artists to lock down the 2024 gallery exhibit schedule. After she reaches out to everyone and finalizes the schedule, she will share it with the rest of the committee. Brianna will then contact the artists to schedule their optional art receptions so those dates can be included on the 2024 Art Gallery Schedule bookmark.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Saliers

President

Attest: Brianna Ryan