

Prairie Village Arts Council
Wednesday, February 7th, 2018
5:30 P.M.
Prairie Village City Hall – 7700 Mission Road
Multi-Purpose Room

The meeting was called to order by Dan Andersen, Chairman, with council members Shelly Trewolla, Betsy Holliday, Stephen LeCerf, Al Guarino, Julie Hassel, Annette Hadley, Ada Koch, Jamie Robichaud, staff liaison, and Barbara Fisher, administrative liaison present. Also present were Cecilia Vigliaturo and Spencer Pellant, candidates for future Arts Council membership.

Dan introduced Cecilia and Spencer to the group and had each group member make an introduction to the candidates. Dan also showed the resumé of Paul Tosh, a third candidate for membership to the group. Dan then invited Cecilia and Spencer to stay for the meeting.

Minutes – minutes of the November, 2017, and January, 2018 meetings were approved as distributed.

Financial Report – Jamie Robichaud discussed the 2018 Prairie Village Arts Council Budget which showed a total balance of \$27,191.94 as of February 2, 2018. Jamie pointed out that \$13,500.00 had been added to the Municipal Art Council balance at the end of January. Dan questioned why there was no entry for art sales in the budget, and Jamie replied that she would investigate.

Recap of January's Photo Exhibit – Shelly's juried photo competition was a popular success, drawing \$1,594.09 in income from entry fees. Prizes awarded totaled \$1,350, and \$760.02 was spent on frames (photos were submitted with mats only) so there were expenses of \$2,110.02. Ada moved and Annette seconded that the council approve funds for these expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of other expenditures - The council also voted on the approval of \$300.00 as allotted funding for monthly exhibits. Jamie and Barbara remarked that Meghan is preparing a form, which will need to accompany receipts for reimbursement. Additionally, on motion by Dan, seconded by Shelly, Café expense of \$1,200.00 was also approved.

Reminder of Friday's Reception – Stephen asked that members be at city hall by 5:15 to help with set-up for the reception. There was some discussion of where the food and drink should be (in council chambers or out in the hall with the art). Keeping it in the hall prevailed in the interest of mingling.

Gallery Remodel Update – Dan reported that \$13,000.00 was the least expensive bid he had received to remove the tracks. He suggested that we should paint the gallery

now, hang the new rail, and forget about taking out the old rail for now. Betsy made the motion, Julie Hassel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed. Ada reported that a box of 10 short wires cost \$68.50 and a box of 10 hooks cost \$86.00 for \$154.50, plus shipping. Annette moved and Shelly seconded that we purchase 1 box of longs, 2 boxes of shorts, 3 boxes of hooks at a cost not to exceed \$700.00. The motion passed unanimously. Ada will have these sent and billed to Jamie.

Status of FOTA – Dan reminded the meeting that applications in Café for FOTA close on March 9th and that there have been no applications to date. Dan said it is possible that this year’s FOTA may not happen; that he will contact Julie Flanagan about this. Shelly Trewolla suggested that in the future FOTA should be held in January instead of April, since April is an exceptionally busy month for students.

Council Structure Considerations – In response to Jamie’s email of February 1st regarding the findings of the ad hoc Committee on Committees, the council meeting on Monday the 5th and Julie and Al’s email to Andy Wang and Tucker Poling of Wednesday the 7th, the Arts Council in attendance at this meeting expressed strong opposition to the proposed transition of the Arts Council to a Council Chair and Vice Chair with 10 to 12 appointed volunteers.

Jamie assured those present that the Committee on Committees was being reassembled, and that the message of “if it’s not broken, don’t fix it” would be passed along.

Additionally, in an email response, Wes Jordan, responding to Julie and Al’s email and Eric Mikkelson’s positive comments said much the same thing; that he would “pass our thoughts and perspective...along to the decision makers.”

Dan asked Jamie when the Mayor might appoint a Council Liaison to the Arts Council. Jamie’s response was she did not know, but assumed it would be after the restructuring issues had been settled.

Begin 2019 Budget – Dan asked Jamie if in preparing the 2019 Budget if he should give consideration to the 1% for Art allocation. Jamie responded that it was something the Arts Council could include in their budget request, but as to the way that might be structured, she wasn’t sure. She added that many cities include a 1% allocation to the arts in their capital improvement plans, which is usually managed by Public Works.

Bicycle Statue Maquette – On the subject of Public Works, Dan asked Jamie when the sculptor of the bicycle statue was going to present a maquette to the Arts Council, as promised. Jamie said she would inquire and get back with us.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.