

MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2021

The Walker Art Committee met on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the art storeroom, of the Garnett Public Library with the following present: Wanda Taylor, Nancy Foltz, Joyce Martin, Tami Hiestand and Denise Scheibmeir. Jenelle Klehammer attended by Messenger video chat. Absent: Marcia Mader.

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A motion was made by Denise, seconded by Tami to approve the minutes of February 18, 2021 as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Marcia's absence, Joyce reported that there were no revenues or expenditures during the month of February. Therefore the ending balance as of February 28, 2021 remains \$4,397.01. The report was approved as presented.

CURATOR'S REPORT

Jenelle reported that NOTO had agreed to a 20% seller's fee for any art they sold for this committee. At the present time, four pieces of art have been selected to be sold. Each of the four pieces were reviewed by the committee. Jenelle will send pictures and suggested prices to NOTO. A motion was made by Wanda, seconded by Nancy that if a counter offer is made for any piece of art, the offer must come back to the committee for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jenelle has contacted Elizabeth Dyer, high school art teacher who indicates her interest in being an ambassador on the Walker Art Committee. The possibility of having a junior and high school student art exhibit in the West Wing Gallery was discussed with everyone agreeing to support and help with whatever is decided. Jenelle said by involving the students, this might increase the interest in our annual scholarship. She said that so many of the high school students don't have much of an art culture and she would like to involve them with as many projects as possible. This could also help develop a better art culture in the area. It was agreed that Elizabeth should be invited to one of our meetings so she can visit the galleries and learn what we do.

Jenelle would also like to have more art exposure in the community by getting people involved in the arts such as expressive art therapy perhaps once a month.

Docent tours need to be planned and Jenelle will look at having a committee designated for this responsibility. It was agreed the students could be a part of this. Joyce suggested that Sonia Jones be contacted for her suggestions.

Jenelle talked about participating in the annual square fair that will happen in May. She talked about an interactive mural that would be located in an area accessible for people to come to and paint on a canvas provided by this committee. We would also provide paint and brushes. It was suggested that perhaps people would want shirts to put on over their clothes. Nancy will check with the thrift shop to see if she can find some shirts.

Joyce shared information from the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission announcing a re-imagined spaces application that was sent to her by Susan Wettstein. This program provides funding for communities to activate publicly accessible spaces for the purposes of artistic use and public programming. The program is designed to utilize artists, temporary creative interventions and arts organization to increase community participation. The committee authorized Joyce to contact Kelly Yarbrough, who is this area's regional representative, to see if the aforementioned project would be considered for funding.

Denise said that the Library Board had agreed to reopen the galleries on April 5th which means we will need to hang a display in the West Wing Gallery if the students are unable to do this. Library hours will also be extended.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

After the meeting, members stayed and helped put some of the artworks into the cubicles. Joyce and her grandson have completed the listing of what is contained in each cubicle. Some frames and glass need to be repaired on pieces donated by Rick and Candy Hewes. These pieces have no titles or artist information so they cannot be listed on the insurance. A descriptive list will be made of this pieces.

Joyce E. Martin, Recording Secretary