

CUSTER AREA ARTS COUNCIL

Board Meeting Minutes - October 16, 2017 - Dakotah Bank - 11 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Arthur, Janet Serino, Sheila Martin, Kevin Teasley, Robin Prior, Jan Nuckles. BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Jo Marcy, Gary Enright, Tommie Leenknecht. GUESTS: Phil Abernathy, Anne Sandvig, Hank Fridell.

INFORMATION: The banner has been located.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Robin notified Council she had received a form for SHMAAF from the Department of Revenue. She will call the Department and inform them these forms should go to Kevin in the future. All the Bark Beetle business will be discussed at one time. Laurie moved to approve the agenda, and Kevin seconded, and agenda approved.

BOARD BRIEFING: Phil Abernathy and Anne Sandvig reported that they are on a committee to obtain an art piece reflecting the Bark Beetle Event in Custer. The project is to create a permanent awareness in the community of the Bark Beetle event in an art form that is long lasting. At this stage they are developing a Request For Proposal that is open ended to see what other artists may come up with. They do not want to define the type of art but keep it open to any form. They are looking for input into this process and are open to names of artists and artist groups who might be interested in creating something. We will receive a copy of the final version of the RFP when it is done and also a list of the artists who will receive it. January 20 is the Bark Beetle Burning this coming year. Hank and Laurie reported on the plans for the event. Hank mentioned that Oswald will light the beetle because of her contribution to the event. Jan Nuckles moved we approve the budget for this event, Janet seconded and motion passed.

GRANTS: There was no activity under Grants.

CONSENT AGENDA: Robin moved, Laurie seconded, and motion carried that we approve the Consent Agenda.

NEAR FUTURE: Sheila reported a conversation with Nancy Gellerman from Sage Creek about having music with live performers in restaurants in Custer on the First Friday nights of each month. Sheila will continue talks with Nancy on this idea.

LIAISON REPORTS: Jeannie Fischer reported that the City Council was aware of the musical instrument project for the Park. Sheila mentioned that information on this project was on the Freenotes Harmony Park website. Sheila passed around some books that the North Dakota Arts Council had given us. It was suggested that we donate the large book to the Library and give the two books on activities to the Colonial Manor. Laurie reported that the Art Expressions gallery will wait a couple years to make changes and that the building next to the Gallery was up for rent. The animal art show was very successful with \$1100 going to the Battle Mountain Animal Shelter. It is planned that this will be an annual event. Robin was asked about The Custer Area Economic Development Corporation and she reported that is a non-profit business.

OUTSIDE FACTORS: Kevin reported he is in contact with a Native American group that is interested in coming to Custer permanently. He will keep us informed.

MINUTES AND COMMITMENTS REVIEW: Sheila reported that the Ukulele Orchestra will perform at 2 p.m., December 10, at the Custer Lutheran Fellowship church. They also will be in the Custer State Park Visitor Center in January/February. the ukulele musicians are providing a class on Fridays in Custer for people who want to learn to play. Sheila also reported that the Dakota Players will be in Custer February 19 - 24 and that the Girls Rock Camp is June 11 - 16. Jan reported that Custer Characters will

perform a Christmas play on December 8, 9 & 16 at 7:00p.m. and December 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Custer Community Church. She presented a budget for the performance. Kevin moved that we increase the Advertising line to \$150 and then approve the budget. Janet seconded and motion passed. Kevin reported that SHMAAF is working on an organization structure. Kevin would be the executive director and other members would be responsible for details and activities required to produce this show. It is too much work for one person to handle alone. He expects the arts aspect of the event to increase considerably. He also is working with a country group who are interested in performing in Custer. Laurie informed the council that the evaluation for the Summer Music intern was complete, and that she has billed the South Dakota Arts Council for the remaining \$500 of the grant.

FINANCE REPORT: Laurie reported that we have \$29,000 in the bank which is \$14,000 more than last year this time. Janet moved and Robin seconded that the finance report be accepted. Motion carried

NOMINATING TASK FORCE: Sheila reminded us that in January we need to elect a new board. She read the names of those whose terms will expire in January and stated that those individuals could be elected for another term. She also talked of the 25th Anniversary Celebration and suggested that we combine it with the Girls Rock Camp as well as Robin's Dance Studio performance. Kevin informed the council that Brule' would like to do a Christmas show in Custer.

Next Meeting date (November 20th, Dacotah Bank). Meeting adjourned.