

CUSTER AREA ARTS COUNCIL
Board Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2017 – 11 a.m. – Dacotah Bank

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheila Martin, Janet Serino, Robin Prior, Tommie Leenknecht, Jan Nuckles.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Jo Marcy, Gary Enright, Kevin Teasley, Laurie Arthur. **LIAISON:** Jeannie Fischer.

INVENTORY 2017: Jan has the square banner for Girls Rock Band.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EXPENSES: Most expenses for committees will be for office supply type items. Program committees will have varied expenses for individual programs.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES LIST FOR 2018: Some activities will be all year long. Other activities are listed by month. Note was made that Arts Council does before and after event work for Dakota Players. The school does the event itself. Duties are detailed in a list to help define what each entity does for this event. Activities list may be updated at any time. Custer Characters will have a play in December 2017.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Robin requests adding item to agenda about purchasing microphones for high school play. Janet moves to accept agenda, Robin seconded, and accepted with addition.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2018: Bylaws committee meets only every 2 years. Dates on existing strategic plan were updated to 2018. Item F, Membership, add " send thank-you note to new members, send something in mail to general membership and note available volunteer options. Invite community to our June 2018 anniversary event." Custer Coffeehouse Concert Series and Elders' Wisdom were deleted from Programs item H. Last line under item H. Program Goals was changed to read; "Continue public concert series with professional performers." Item 2 Long-term goal, line 2 add "after restoration." Line 2, add: "assistance with Racing Magpie." Item 3, Goal, delete the listed 4 items. Discussion about continuing memberships and decision to leave this as it is. Strategic plan for 2018 will be compiled for members. Motion by Robin to accept 2018 plan, seconded by Jan, and accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Grant from Custer Hospitality will be on next report. Motion by Jan to accept consent agenda, seconded by Janet, and accepted.

NEAR FUTURE: Arts Midwest information will be given to grant committee for review.

LIAISONS:

Mary Jo is not here with report from **Art Expressions** and **Hill City Arts Council**. Gary is not here to report on **Chamber**, but they have been very nice to us. **City Council**, Jeannie reports our requests are up to date. **SHMAAF**, Kevin not here.

Courthouse Art Gallery has quilts currently on display. They have received suggestions to have old/antique quilts next year. Communication with quilters this year was not ideal but will work more with Janet next year to better reach local quilters. Art in hospital and health care facility should be changed soon. Robin report that Economic Development Corporation is discussing many development options for Custer, even Western Dakota Tech interest in area.

HEADPHONES FOR MICROPHONE AT HIGH SCHOOL: Robin reports that the microphone at high school is crackling and not working well. Robin estimates that these could cost about \$400. Sheila will research and find out what they need for 20 to 25 microphones and get back to board by email, as this would be a theater improvement and seat money could be used.

MINUTES AND COMMITMENTS REVIEW:

Black Hills Ukulele Orchestra: December 10, 2 p.m., Custer Lutheran Fellowship. An advanced class of fifteen students, participation by audition, takes place every Friday at 9 a.m. at the Armory. This class will eventually join the full orchestra.

Custer Characters: Jan is liaison to theater. December Christmas play. Liz is thinking of quitting. We could possibly handle more than one director with each having a play with open auditions. Jan will reach out to a new teacher with theater experience who may be interested in Custer Characters. Some members had a meeting with Liz and cleared up a misunderstanding regarding funds for Custer

Characters. Liz told Laurie that Custer Characters would like to help sponsor Dakota Players with \$1,000 from their funds. We have a copy of jobs related to Dakota Players which will be handled by Arts Council and school.

Membership: Jan reports data base is finished with help from Kevin who has hard copies. She will be sending emails to members who need to renew membership.

Grant: Oswald Foundation (Julie) grant of \$3,000 with half to Bark Beetle Blues and half to SHMAAF. We can only give to the nonprofit part of SHMAAF and will need more data in order to do this.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Robin motion to accept report, seconded by Jan, and accepted. Laurie is working with the grant to us from SD Arts Council.

NOMINATING TASK FORCE: Les Nuckles will be working on nominations to fill vacant positions. Sheila will be here until the end of the year and has prepared a list of tasks for the president.

NEXT MEETING: December 18, 11 a.m., Dacotah Bank.

Tommie Leenknecht, Secretary