

CUSTER AREA ARTS COUNCIL
Board Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2017 – 11 a.m. – Dacotah Bank

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheila Martin, Janet Serino, Gary Enright, Tommie Leenknecht, Laurie Arthur, Robin Prior. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jan Nuckles, Mary Jo Marcy, Kevin Teasley. **LIAISON PRESENT:** Jeannie Fischer.

INVENTORY 2017: Banner and Girls Rock sign need to return to storage.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve by Janet, seconded by Robin, and agenda accepted.

BOARD BRIEFING 501(C)(3)s: Mary Jo not here, Gary has not reviewed www.stayexempt.irs.gov yet.

ACTIVITY AGREEMENT: All programs need to sign document and return it to Laurie.

BUDGET 2108: Laurie will do general fund. She needs Custer Characters, music events, student art programming, Girls Rock Camp, Way Park summer music, and other programming. Sheila will prepare ukulele orchestra. SHMAAF still needed.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve by Robin, seconded by Janet, and approved.

NEAR FUTURE: Gary will check out the Arts Midwest Touring Fund application.

LIAISONS:

Art Expressions: December 24 will be the last open date for this year. In January they will have a reception for possible artists for Bark Beetle Blues installation. ART expressions has added several new artists to their gallery.

1881 Courthouse Museum: Gary reports Spring Fling planned for April 5 to kick off the tourist season. Fund raiser by invitation the next day for museum. Wanda Wheeler suggests use of old wooden pillars from courthouse in “pillars of community” fund raising. Mailings have been successful so far.

City Council: Jeannie Fischer will report status of SHMAAF nonprofit musicians and Oswald grant to city council as noted below.

Courthouse Art Gallery: Quilt exhibit is up until February. Hospital art is all down and they will contact us when new hospital is finished. Nursing home art will be changed after Christmas.

Economic Development: Robin reports Western Dakota Tech will be coming here for some classes which may include technical training. Gourmet training possibly at Game Lodge during winter season. Various locations are being considered for classes.

OUTSIDE FACTORS: Our president, Sheila, will be moving to Oregon and leaving us. Freenotes for Harmony Park could still be considered as a permanent thing for arts council to do for community.

BLACK HILLS UKULELE ORCHESTRA: Jody Tennyson, elementary school teacher, will be taking over from Sheila. They now have 15 adults and 15 children who are doing well and had an advent concert. Jan Nuckles will be liaison between arts council and ukulele group. Robin was referred to Jody Tennyson regarding rehearsal times, etc. Our board will work closely with the new director.

MEMBERSHIP: Dues reminders have not been sent for a year. Changes need to be made on web site. Discussion of whether to renew memberships yearly on a set date or individual date.

GRANTS: Gary downloaded arts council grants information with no fit for us at this time. He will keep us updated.

SHMAAF FREE SIDE MUSICIANS DATA AND OSWALD GRANT: Kevin was not here to follow up on this. We need paperwork documenting musicians’ fees for nonprofit side of SHMAAF in order to use the half of Oswald grant that was designated for SHMAAF. We need to meet nonprofit standards of Julie Oswald’s organization as well as our own nonprofit status. Jeannie Fischer will report our need for documentation to City Council as some of the musicians believe that Arts Council should be paying them.

FINANCE REPORT: Project grant with Patrick Baker for summer music needed more data which Laurie has sent. Part of the event was outside of grant period and dates were verified. A theater seat plaque was dedicated to Tom and Sheila Martin to honor their contributions to our community. More information is needed about microphones and headphones for the school. Request was forwarded one month ago and data should be ready soon. Custer Characters play bills and money not all accounted for yet, but will be in next month's report. Gary moved to accept finance report, seconded by Janet, and approved.

NOMINATING TASK FORCE: We are losing two people from board, Sheila Martin and Mary Jo Marcy. Les has been working on nominations and we need at least 9 people on board. Sheila will send out application forms. Gary and other members will make a contacts. Completed applications need to go to nominating committee.

PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES: Sheila has completed a list for new president in 2018.

DAKOTA PLAYERS: Custer Characters wish to donate \$1,000 of their money for Dakota Players project. Lodging for directors will also need to be provided. March 1 is the deadline to apply for money for next year. (Check with Gary about grant application.) Check with school and work with Dakota Players.

GIRLS ROCK CAMP CUSTER: Zonta will participate in this with Arts Council. Carrie Moore is contact person. Sheila will send information to Laurie.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: June 16, 2018, same date as concert for Girls Rock Camp. Needs a board member to coordinate (Robin).

COMMITTEES: Look at list of committees after first of year. One board member is needed on each committee.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT: Robin reports concert at 7:00 p.m. today.

Meeting was adjourned and cake was served by Gary as a farewell to Sheila. We will all miss her.

NEXT MEETING: January 15, Dacotah Bank, 11 a.m.

Tommie Leenknecht, secretary