

Present: Meg Bollinger, Rhienna Gabriel, Candice Giesen, Mike Halla, Phil Hoff,
Lori Kirby, Erin LaBonte, Adam Lovell, Jeanie Miller, Steve Proszenyak, Dolly Stokes, Greg Vadney,
Amy Fricke-Weigel

Absent: Carrie Estrella, Lori Kirby, Jeanie Miller, Patrick Neuenfeldt,

Meeting was called to order by President Proszenyak at 12:02pm

Public Input

Gabriel indicated that she had accepted a day-time position and therefore may have scheduling conflicts for future meetings.

Minutes

Motion was made by Halla, seconded by Fricke and unanimously approved by the board to accept the December minutes as written.

Review of Financial Accounts

No questions

President Report

Education Committee

- Working on the spring schedule
 - Need to ensure that attendance numbers are accurate
- Would like to offer more offsite programming, currently have afterschool program at Jefferson Elementary
 - Potential to work with McKinley Academy students, need to work out with instructors
- Silver Lake College student Allen Jaeger, will be interning for the Spring semester
 - Will be helping with Foundation fundraiser, conservation efforts & exhibit set up
- Summer program planning underway
 - Digital Arts Project (DAP) meeting at MPL week of January 22
 - Currently a 10 week program, would like to incorporate more digital drawing and cartoons
 - LaBonte suggested doing a digital art “exchange” with Kamogowa students
- Working on new class ideas, especially outdoors with possible collaboration with community organizations
- Looking at how fundraising for education fits in with development committee, there is need to space out fundraising efforts
- Questions about time commitments for classes/programs, how much time are people willing to commit?

Membership-Marketing Committee

- Marketing
 - Fricke-Weigel suggested changing annual membership campaign to March, effective 2019 this would eliminate overlap with foundation fundraising efforts
 - Memberships could be extended through March 2019 to accommodate change

Buildings & Grounds Committee

- Committee will meet end of January
- Carpet installation is planned to begin week of February 12

Public Arts Committee – Erin LaBonte

- January meeting had good turnout, with first community member involvement
- Continued working on structure, mission/vision and goals.
- Reinforced plan to invite community members to join this committee.
- There are some projects in mind, which will add color to downtown & provide some marketing for the museum.
 - Hopes that bringing projects to fruition will aid in fundraising efforts for the committee
- Gabrielle requested “Public Arts Commission” be removed from agenda, this is covered under the Public Arts Committee

Development – Steve Proszenyak

- Did not meet, next meeting is 01-29-18 at 1:00 pm

Board Terms – Steve Proszenyak

- Bollinger and Miller at end of Board terms
 - Board members should connect with community members to feel out potential interest and present contacts at February meeting
 - Should have continued voice of Friends of RWAM on Board

Executive Director Review - Steve Proszenyak

- Steve will email review forms to Board Thursday, January 18
- Forms need to be emailed to Jessie Lillibridge in HR no later than January 31
- February Board meeting will have closed session to discuss review.

Director Report-Greg Vadney

Upcoming events

- A Romantic Evening with Janet Planet, Foundation Fundraiser, February 9
- Art of Conversation: David Martin-Martin Pottery, Thursday February 22 @ 1p
- MPSD Youth Art Month, February 25-March 18
 - Opening reception Sunday, February 25—All are encouraged to attend

Human Resources

- New security guard, Jim Keehan was hired as replacement for Dave, who is now a floating security guard

Attendance

- Final attendance numbers for 2017 were up from 2016 by more than 4000
 - 8 of 12 months saw increase in attendance
 - 46 percent of visitors are residents of Manitowoc County

Room Rentals

- Rental comps, as well as proposed pricing chart was distributed
- Proposed that rentals would be a flat fee, no half day rentals
- Concern that the library rental fees are lower, but MPL space generally used for meetings, not parties
- Language in rental agreements needs to clearly indicate terms of rental

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- Refundable deposit of \$150 to be charged for rentals, incorrectly stated on distributed information as \$100
- Motion to approve rate change made by Halla, seconded by Fricke-Weigel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Rahr-West Friends Advisory Committee
No Report out

Foundation Report – Mike Halla

- Foundation will hold quarterly meeting Tuesday, January 23
- 2017 annual appeal brought in \$24,790, lower than previous years
- Foundation Annual Fundraiser of Janet Planet will take place on February 9. 151 tickets have been sold /accounted for. Capacity is 200.
 - Many sponsors have come forward
 - Roncalli students will be assisting with event
- Fundraiser participation is up from last year.

Collection Report – Adam Lovell

- Collection committee meeting will be held February 20 at 5:15pm

Old Business
None

A motion was made by LaBonte, seconded by Gabriel and unanimously approved by the board to adjourn at 12:58pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Franz