

Present: Simone Dorcas, Dan Juchniewich, Lori Kirby, Jim Konitzer, Christine Kornely, Jim Muenzenmeyer, Eric Sitkiewitz, Jane Spindler, Tom Van Horn, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Tricia Zimmermann

Absent: Jill Hennessey, Jennifer Hogan, Charles Ratigan, Dolly Stokes

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Fricke-Weigel

A motion was made by Kornely and seconded by Kirby to accept the April minutes. Minutes were accepted.

Presidents Report – Amy Fricke-Weigel

1. Financial Review

- Motion made by Kornely and seconded by Sitkiewitz to approve payment of printing cost for Summer Program flyer. Motion was passed

2. Website

Committee: Fricke-Weigel, Dorcas, Gadzinski, Kirby, Sitkiewitz

- The final layout for the home page was presented to the board. Work continues on the content pages. Will be ready to go live on July 1st.

3. Personnel

• Director Search

Search committee: Fricke-Weigel, Hogan, Kornely, Ratigan & Zimmerman

As of Monday, May 16th there were 26 applicants. Review of these by the search committee will begin next week.

• Resignation from the Board

Due to the fact that he has applied for the position of Director, Tim Gadzinski has resigned from the board of directors, effective until such time as a new Director is chosen. Until then this board position will remain vacant.

4. Committee Chairs

- Stokes has agreed to be the chair of the Collections Committee
- Jim Muenzenmeyer of Buildings & Grounds will chair the Property/Grounds Committee
- The Education Committee and Membership committee are still in need of a chair person

5. Sputnikfest – Gadzinski

No Report

6. Education Classes

Committee: Hennessey, Konitzer, Sitkiewitz, Spindler

Sponsorship letters were sent out to 106 local businesses last week.

7. Grants

Jet Services was able to find numerous grants that we would qualify for. One of our Art Instructors has a degree in grant writing, and expressed an interest in writing these grants for us. After lengthy discussion it was decided to have this individual submit a proposal and Fricke-Weigel will check with the City as to their policy regarding this issue. The board will then revisit this issue at the June meeting.

Addition Update – Jim Muenzenmeyer

Committee: Fricke-Weigel, Konitzer, Stokes, Van Horn, Zimmerman

- Met with the architects on Monday, May 16th and reviewed the history of the RWAM Building and what we wanted with this addition.

- We should have drawings in two months
- Budget Target amount of 1 – 1.5 million dollars
- If drawings are approved, we will need to form a Fundraising Committee with a chair and two vice-chairs.
 - The board was asked to come up with recommendations for these positions.

Collections – Dan Juchniewich

1. Rudy Rotter Collection
Juchniewich and Stokes toured the Rudy Rotter facility and chose 38 pieces for the RWAM Collection. Half of these pieces were drawings and the other half sculpture. The items will be cleaned and presented to the board for approval at the June meeting.
2. Jennifer Hogan donated the money to frame 3 prints in April.

The Wisconsin Watercolor Society Exhibition opens on Sunday, May 22nd, with a reception at 1:00. Board members were encouraged to attend.

Motion made by Kornely and seconded by Kirby to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 15th at 12:00 noon at the Rahr-West Art Museum.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Schroeder