

Rahr-West Art Museum
Board of Director Minutes
May 16, 2018

Present:, Candice Giesen, Mike Halla, Phil Hoff, Lori Kirby, Erin LaBonte, Jeanie Miller, Patrick Neuenfeldt, Steve Proszenyak, Dolly Stokes, Greg Vadney, Amy Fricke-Weigel

Absent: Meg Bollinger, Carrie Estrella, Rhienna Gabriel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Proszenyak at 12:00p.

2. Public Input

None

3. Minutes – President

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

4. Review of Financial Accounts

No questions

5. President Report-Steven Prozenyak

a. Education Committee - Vadney

Did not meet. Delayed until Friday, May 18.

b. Membership/Marketing Committee – Vadney

Did not meet.

c. Buildings & Grounds Committee - Vadney

Did not meet. Will reschedule due to Memorial Day.

d. Public Arts Committee – LaBonte

The Public Arts Committee did meet. Tasks were assigned to move forward with Mirro fencing project. The City's Community Development Department is on board with this project. LaBonte would like to set up a meeting to discuss sponsorship for fence wrap. Possible partnering with the Y-Break kids to complete this project would be more inclusive of kids, rather than reaching out to only schools, etc. The timing of this project would hope for unveiling week of September 14 to coincide with the Spirit of the Rivers unveiling and Art Slam. The wrap would be expected to be in place for about two years. Vadney had a discussion with the owner of the Milwaukee PC building, in regards to the mural projection project. The owner indicated that the building may be sold and will know by the end of the month. There was some interest in the projection project, but owner was clear they are not interested in a mural directly on the building. Next meeting is scheduled for June 6 at 9a.

e. Development Committee

Vadney met with Kelly Bahr to view landscape drawings. He will have a second meeting with her before bringing the drawings to the committee. A Development Committee meeting will be scheduled once this is complete.

6. Director Report-Greg Vadney

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The Art of Conversation on May 9, featuring Graeme Reid speaking of women who impacted Wisconsin, was very well received. There were about 42 in attendance and the presentation was very interesting. There was some discussion regarding the times that the speakers series is held, making it difficult to draw in a younger crowd. It was suggested to either try to schedule speakers in the evenings or schedule for two discussions to help draw in younger people after work. There was some concern as this has not been successful in the past.

Vadney gave a reminder of the Volunteer Appreciation event being held on May 24.

Preparation for the summer exhibits is underway. There has been discussion with the Door County Living magazine, as well as billboards and advertisements for the Modern Masters and other summer exhibits.

The new curator will be starting June 18. A position was offered for a new security guard and they are scheduled to begin June 1.

There was discussion regarding the kitchen renovation project. In total, the project is estimated to cost \$15,000. This includes asbestos abatement, flooring, painting, cabinetry and a new refrigerator.

There was discussion regarding committee responsibilities. Vadney had hoped to consolidate some of the committees, but could not find a way that would work well. As committee meeting attendance has been low, Vadney indicated that he is flexible in timing to allow for more participation.

7. Rahr-West Friends Committee Report - Miller

The Friends Group has their bus trip scheduled for July 24. They will be going to the Miller Art Museum, as well as another art museum in Door County. The details are still being worked out.

Shoppe at the Rahr sales for the year has been \$566, with expenditures being \$1035. This is due to adding new merchandise, new shelving and the purchase of a sign.

The Friends met in April to clean up on the third floor. There was an abundance of old literature. Three copies of each was saved for archives, the rest was recycled. They plan on continuing with the clean up.

The group is working on the June 7 Modern Masters Reception for RWAM Members.

a. Vote on kitchen remodel

A motion to approve the \$15,000 for the kitchen remodel was made by Fricke-Weigel, seconded by Halla and unanimously approved.

Work is scheduled to begin on July 9. If project goes over budget a separate vote will be held to allocate additional funding.

8. Foundation Report-Vice President Mike Halla

The Foundation Board met April 24. They discussed the Janet Planet fundraiser wrap up and foundation inflows/outflows. Halla and Vadney met with the accounting firm that manages

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Foundation Funds. They have finalized a distribution policy. This will help assist with the City's budgeting process, as there will be set dates for funds distribution.

9. Collection Report – Vadney

Collections Committee did not meet. If there are offers of acquisition, he will set up a meeting, otherwise a meeting will be scheduled after the new curator starts.

10. Old Business

None

It was noted that this was Jeanie Miller's last meeting. She was presented with a certificate and the Board expressed their gratitude for Jeanie's dedication for the past several years.

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Halla, and unanimously approved by the board to adjourn at 12:30p.

Submitted by Melissa Franz, Administrative Support Specialist