

**Rahr-West Art Museum**  
**Board of Director Minutes**  
January 16, 2019

Present: Diana Bolander, Carrie Estrella, Amy Fricke-Weigel, Mike Halla, Phil Hoff, Candice Giesen, Erin LaBonte, Patrick Neuenfeldt, Steve Proszenyak, Dolly Stokes, Greg Vadney

Absent: Amy Gehrig, Lori Kirby, Jeremiah Novak, HaLeigh Zipperer

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Input

None

3. Minutes – President

Vadney had noted to clarify that the NEH Grant mentioned in the December minutes was received by the NEH, but not awarded to the Rahr-West.

Motion was made by Halla, seconded by Fricke-Weigel, and unanimously approved by the board to accept the December minutes with that correction.

4. Review of Financial Accounts

No questions

5. President Report-Steven Prozenyak

a. Education Committee

Did not meet

b. Membership/Marketing Committee

Did not meet

c. Buildings & Grounds Committee

Did not meet

d. Public Arts Committee

Did not meet

e. Development Committee—Proszenyak

Development committee did meet and discussed the 3D renderings of the proposed landscape project. They developed some notes for Ms. Bahrs and are working on a development plan in order to raise funds for the project.

6. Director Report-Vadney

Vadney discussed the City's donation policy. He has worked with the City Attorney and Finance Director in order to create an amendment to the policy. Under these amendments, gifts of art, funds specifically donated for purchase of art, or restricted monetary gifts would not fall under the policy. Unrestricted monetary gives over \$25,000 would be subject to the policy, as would major fundraising campaigns. The amendments were passed by the Finance Committee on January 2 and will be brought to City Council on January 21.

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A portion of the insurance claim funds for the replacement of a banner pole and section of fencing have been received. The items are on order, with the installation timeline after the spring thaw.

A contract has been finalized with the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee for the loan of 'Marc Chagall's Le Cirque'. This exhibition will run from June 13 to September 18, 2019. Vadney is in talks with the Museum of Myrtle Beach working on dates for a potential loan in late 2019/early 2020.

7. Rahr-West Friends Committee Report--Bolander

The Friends met January 9. They discussed the new Christmas décor purchased and getting rid of old old/worn items. They also discussed setting new guidelines for Christmas decorators. These have been passed along to Melissa. The group also discussed the Art of Conversation speakers for 2019 and purchasing new furniture for the Lounge Gallery.

Fricke-Weigel inquired as to if the Friends have used the funds allocated at the last meeting to purchase updated holiday décor and also if the Friends have an inventory of the Christmas décor on the third floor. New holiday items have been purchased, but there is no formal inventory process for the décor.

8. Foundation Report-Vice President Mike Halla

There was a review of financial accounts. The 2018 annual appeal has been very successful, with an all time high number of donors.

The Janet Planet fundraiser will take place on February 8 and is sold out. Volunteers are needed. Fricke-Weigel mentioned that a link to sign up for volunteer slots will be sent to all Board members.

9. Collection Report—Bolander

Committee met January 15 and discussed the conservation assessment program, which would include a general conservation assessment including review of storage, exhibition environment, building, and staff & volunteer structure and training. It would involve a questionnaire and site visit. This would assist in identifying and prioritizing projects, as well as assist with potential grant funding. The cost of this assessment would be matched 1 to 1 by the Institute for Museum and Library Services, up to \$3900. Total cost not yet known, but believed to be about \$7000. A conservation assessment was last done in 2002 and most identified items were acted upon.

A motion to approve moving forward on the conservation assessment program was made by Neuenfeldt, seconded by LaBonte, and unanimously approved.

10. Old Business

None

11. Convene in Closed Session

Motion to convene in closed session was made by Hoff, seconded Fricke-Weigel and unanimously approved at 12:25pm.

12. Adjourn

Submitted by Melissa Franz, Administrative Support Specialist