

Art of the Lakes

Minutes

November 20, 2024 10:00 am - Creative Arts Center

Our MISSION is to develop, promote, and encourage an interest in the arts...

Present: Board: Kristi Kuder, Judi Celaschi, Sue Kalseim, Sheryl Olson, Shari Prigge, Vanessa Sellner, Ann Smith

Other: Debbie Ness

Not present: David Beddow,

Agenda review/additions: Add Membership policy

Approve minutes: Motion by Shari , seconded. motion passed.

Financials - Ann Smith./Deb N

- Motion by Sheryl to approve financial report, seconded. Motion passed
- Computer needs for Gallery & CAC: Issac Daniels of Loon Landing will prepare a proposal. Motion by Shari to spend up to \$2,500, including Aug motion of \$1,000, for new computer equipment. Seconded by Vanessa. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Procedure for unclaimed art... moved to committee
- CAC Lease - Ann
 - Waiting on Bruce Furhman to sign amendment.
- CAC/Gallery Hours - Kristi
 - 2024 Gallery Friday & Sat, 10-5 . 2025 Jan - April Sat 11-4 CAC Thursdays 1-7. Sunday Social 2-4 or CAC is available by appointment.
- CAC Flag Sheryl: Move American flag out of Auditorium.
- Jane Kelly, Administrative Coordinator: Hours TBD by Jan 1 after onboarding training is complete.

New Business

- Open House at Gallery: Saturday, Dec 7, 10-5 with Gift basket raffle, Demos by local artists, Treats.
 - CAC will collaborate with LACC for Friday Dec 6 at 6 pm. Tree lighting @6:30, bonfire, doughnuts and cider, smores, Carolers
- Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30 will be promoted on social media
- Kids classes update: Sue Kalseim
 - CAC Roxy Theater "Arthur's Christmas". at 1:30 pm kids must be accompanied by adults
 - October Art classes for Battle Lake 3-6 grades. Article in Battle Lake Review about classes. \$11,000 budget will be covered by donations from Bl Lions, 542 foundation, BL Community Fund, Roger & Beverly Parks Fund, and Arvig.
- Purse Bingo: Thumper Pond is available on 05-09-2025. Sue will approach Ottertail Lions
 - Motion by Ann to allow Sue to purchase purses up to \$2,000 contingent upon Lions sponsoring. second by Sheryl. Motion passed
- Holiday Party: Wednesday Dec 18 @ CAC lounge area 5:30 Potluck, games, white elephant gift exchange.
 - Dec 19 holiday cookie sale during @ Andria Theater Improv Group Performance
- David Beddow submitted resignation from the AOTL Board.
- Workspace for Jane: Move display to west wall. Office space will be in the north-east of lounge-area.
- Holiday expense request

Committee Updates

- Gallery - Sue K
 - CAC/ceramics studio - Kristi K: Dar Eckert will be taking the Kiln, and other items in May. AOTL will need to replace items.
- Events:
 - Hearts on Main: February 2025
 - Studio tour - Judi C - Requests for Artists out by January
 - Art & Craft Affair - Ann S/Deb N - start planning in February
 - Plein Air - Shanna C is lining up a judge.
 - Phelps Mill -Kristi K / Deb N - AOTL was asked to sponsor kids creative table
- Fundraising-Grants - Kristi K / Ann S
 - Give MN on Nov 21 goal is \$5,000
 - Generous Donation received by AOTL from supporter honoring Grace Haverty
 - Letter requesting donation support funds will be sent to businesses, AOTL contacts and local residents in December by Kristi K
 - Application to Giving Hearts Day: Feb 14, 2026 will be submitted
 - Grants:
 - T-Mobile Hometown grant.
 - Savlick: letter of interest by Dec 1
 - LRAC Fall Legacy Grant
 - Operating Support Grant
 - Otter Tail Power
 - Arvig Grant
 - Artists on Main Street
 - Accessible Art Grant
 - MSAB: Education Experiences
 - WCI:Cabin Fever Reliever \$20,000 funds received in September Current
expenditures:
 - Jan, Feb, Mar open ceramic studio on Wed \$1,000
 - Looms Purchased from Tangled Treasurers-\$1800
 - Hardinger Class- Mary Williams @\$150
 - Quad Squad event covered by grant- \$400
 - Seniors on Stage in March- \$1,008.
 - Anthony Miltitch performance \$350
 - North Skies performance-\$250
 - Additional costs TBA
- Marketing - Kristi K: Tom Kuder has been responsible for Give MN marketing.
- Membership - Debbie: Policy for New members in Fall will be good until Jan of the following year.
- Education - Adults: Shari P: asked for help with the committee as she will be gone for winter.
 - Kids: Catherine McDowell is helping with classes. Additional support is needed from members
- Performance - Kristi K
 - CAC Stage needs to be revised. Barnwood Backdrop needs to be put up by Nov 24.
- Technology: Vanessa Sellner reported that the Shopkeep charge card machine needs an update.

Motion by Sue Kalseim to adjourn.

Next Board Meeting - December 18 , 2024