



**CITY OF ALBANY
ALBANY ARTS COMMISSION
City Hall, Parks & Recreation Room
Tuesday, February 21, 2006
4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Lynn Whitacre, Susan Whitacre, Gwenn Marchese, BJ Nicoletti, and Marsha Meidinger

Others Present: Katie Nooshazar, Debbi Richards, and staff liaison Theresa Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

Lynn called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting were approved as amended.

STAFF LIAISON POSITION

Katie Nooshazar asked to speak to the members regarding the status of the staff liaison position. Jan Taylor has resigned and taken a new position with Linn County. Katie described the process that will be taking place over the next 3-4 months and encouraged the Commission members to contact her if they had any input on the position.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR TONI RAE GASKILL

Theresa Johnson routed the letter of appreciation around the table for people to sign.

It was suggested that a card be sent to Jan. Lynn Whitacre said that she would get the card and bring it down to City Hall and everyone could come by and sign it.

ART CONTEST FOR TEENS

Theresa distributed copies of recently updated version of the Call to Artist application and information sheet that Lynn had worked on since the last meeting. A great deal of discussion followed with a lot of suggestions for changes. Gwenn Marchese agreed to pull the new information together and re-work the application and information sheet and bring it by the Parks & Recreation office. Then Theresa will give it to Matt Harrington, the City's graphic artist for him to make it visually more appealing.

The discussion then turned to the prizes. Marsha Meidinger moved that the prizes would be gift certificates from The Frame House in the following amounts: \$100 – first prize; \$75 – second prize; \$50 – third prize; and \$25 for people's choice award. Suzie Whitacre seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ARTS COMMISSION NEW MEMBERS UPDATES

Theresa updated the committee on the status of the new members. Barbara (BJ) Nicoletti and Pat Kight had been officially appointed, and Jimmie Lucht was officially reappointed, to the Arts Commission as of the February 8, 2006 City Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING

March 14, 2006

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Johnson, Staff Liaison, Arts Commission