



**CITY OF ALBANY
ALBANY ARTS COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
Tuesday, November 14, 2006
4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Lynn Whitacre, Pat Kight, Jimmie Lucht, Gwenn Marchese, Marsha Meidinger, BJ Nicoletti, and Susan Whitacre
Guest: Kathy McLaran
Others Present: Theresa Johnson, Staff Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Lynn Whitacre called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 17, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

LIBRARY ART EXHIBITS

Kathy McLaran came to the Arts Commission to request their help with the rotating art exhibit at the Main Library. The artists exhibit for two months at the time. After some discussion it was decided that the Commission would take on the Library exhibit and try and have the "Call to Artists" letters coincide, instead of sending out two different letters.

Part of the discussion centered around what space and whether there would be space at the new library. Lynn will be meeting with Ed Gallagher, the Library Director and she will invite Ed to attend our December or January meeting.

Theresa Johnson will contact Kathy about the details of the procedure and ask that she send out the letter for the library artists as she normally would.

Kathy also mentioned the idea of hanging pictures of mayors somewhere in City Hall.

CITY HALL ART EXHIBITS

Theresa reported that she is working on the language change for the "Call to Artist" and "Exhibit Inventory" to reflect the liability waiver on stolen or damaged exhibit pieces.

She reported that the painter that is exhibiting in December had offered to do some on-site painting, and she wanted to know if there were any particular times that the Commission members would like him to paint. The members said they would leave that up to her discretion.

Theresa then distributed the list of artists that the "Call to Artists" was sent to in September. The Commission members reviewed the list to make deletions and additions. Suggestions were made regarding other means to advertise for artists for both City Hall and the Library. Then it was suggested that an agenda item for the next meeting be, how to enhance the capacity to reach out to artists.

The Commission members reviewed three potential City Hall exhibits for 2007, all three were approved. Theresa reported of three other exhibitors who have exhibited in the past that are interested in 2007. Theresa asked if they have to go through the application process again and the members said they did not.

TEEN ART SHOW

Gwenn Marchese shared that she and Lynn wrote up a proposal to present to the Takena Kiwanis to provide funds for the prizes for the Teen Art Show. Gwenn presented the proposal to the Kiwanis and their board is currently reviewing it for a final decision. Gwenn is fairly confident that it will be funded, but even if it isn't she was told by one of the members, Mike Newman, that he would be willing to fund it personally if the Kiwanis do not.

Marsha Meidinger reported that she took one of the Teen Art posters with tear-offs to visit Debbie Conrad, one of the art teachers at West Albany High School. The poster was well-received.

A discussion was held on who the Arts Commission was trying to target for the art show. Lynn reviewed her original proposal with the Commission members. It was suggested that the name may need to be changed to better reflect that the show is for high school age only.

Discussion was held as to how many posters to make and where they could be delivered besides the high school teachers. It was decided to ask Matt to make 20 more posters.

Marsha reminded the group that we were going to try to get it in the high school newspapers. Theresa said she would look into that.

NATURALLY FUN FIBER HOLIDAY SHOW

Theresa reported on the Fiber Show. The show had eleven artist vendors and six demonstration groups. There were approximately 216 people in attendance and over \$700 was raised.

SCHEDULED REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

The report to City Council was discussed. Lynn said she would like to do it sometime in January. Theresa will bring the information about what the City Council wants to hear about.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2006

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Johnson, Staff Liaison