



**CITY OF ALBANY  
ALBANY ARTS COMMISSION  
City Hall, Periwinkle Room  
Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Lynn Whitacre, Marsha Meidinger, Michael Moore, Ellen Hamill, Terry Poe, and Glenda Fleming

Members absent: Susan Whitacre

**Staff Liaison:** Joy Gilliland

Guests: Ed Hodney, Parks & Recreation Director representing the Albany Rotary; Monte Preston, artists; Diane Hubbard, photographer

The meeting started late as the members forgot the change in time. Lynn Whitacre called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

**CITY HALL EXHIBITORS**

Monte Preston and Diane Hubbard came to the meeting to show their work to the commission for them to be considered for hanging at either City Hall or the library; both artists were approved for exhibiting. Joy passed around several other artists' work that sent them. The artists who were approved were Char Smith, Alisha Basham, and June Forsyth-Kenagy. Ellen Hamill will contact each one to let them know they have been accepted and will place them in the schedule. Ellen let everyone know the schedule would be filled through the end of the year with these new exhibitors.

When the library gets their hanging system in place the commission can ask them to host the Teen Art Show next year and will be able to start hanging exhibits.

Groups that want to exhibit will need to submit proposals just like individuals. Vistas and Vineyards declined to show this year.

**1% FOR ART LIBRARY – SCULPTOR**

Joy presented to the commission each of the proposals that were submitted and they were as follows:

- Robert Swan proposed a sculpture of two life-size eagles in courtship. The cost for this piece would be \$13,700.
- Rip Caswell proposed using some of his previous works. These included deer, rainbow trout, an owl, geese, a bird bath, and seagulls. The price ranged from \$6,000 to \$22,500.
- Tim Norman proposed a sculpture entitled, "Look Twice" of a black tail doe with her two fawns. The piece would be of bronze and would cost \$25,500.
- Harold Lofton proposed an aluminum ball with an overall height of 72" and a diameter of 32". The cost of this piece would be \$18,500
- Sam Briseno is proposing a tree that is made of stainless steel. The cost was not submitted.

- Carapace Arts – Mark Stevenson and Sarah Ohman-Y Lopez proposed “Turtle Island, Willamette Valley” and “A Camel of Books”. Neither piece had a price attached to the proposal.
- Mike Lecke proposed the “Albany Library Girl” in either marble or bronze at a cost of \$25,500

The commission and Ed Hodney were in favor of the submission by Mike Lecke. The commission asked Michael to contact Mr. Lecke and ask him the following questions: (the answers follow)

- How do you maintain marble? Sponge off with bleach water once a year
- Does the height include the base? No, it includes only the chair and girl
- Is there a way for the block-like area between the chair legs be made less solid? If it’s made out of bronze, yes
- What is the price for this piece? For either bronze or marble the cost is \$25,000
- Will there be additional details other than what we see in the mockup? Definitely, there will be a lot more detail
- How soon will he be able to finish the piece? Due to other commissioned work he wouldn’t be able to finish until the end of September or early October.
- Would more fluidity be possible as with his other work? Due to the nature of marble, and that he will be carving out of a solid block, not a lot more motion can be accomplished. More motion could be attained if we decide on bronze. He recommends marble, as he feels this would be a much more suitable material for our library. He again emphasized, as he stated in his cover letter, that he believes it would become an "iconic piece, one that will stick in people's minds as the symbol of the library." He believes it will soon become known as "the Albany Library Girl".

## **TEEN ART SHOW**

Joy let the commission know that the artwork by the teens isn’t hanging well. There needs to be some instruction on the proper way to have their pieces ready to hang. This will need to be addressed before next year with the teachers.

Marsha wanted to make a motion to take money out of their fund to cover the remainder of the money needed for the prize money which would be \$125. It was suggested that the \$50 Pegasus gift certificate be used for the People’s Choice Award. There was \$100 donated to help with the prize money from the Optimist Club and the Camera Club. Joy will see that the checks are ready for the May 27<sup>th</sup> event. Joy will also make sure the certificates for first, second, third, and People’s Choice are ready for the event.

Marsha would like for the group to provide cookies and punch for the event. Lynn will get the cookies, punch, napkins, and cups for the event. She will turn in her receipt for the supplies for reimbursement. Joy will get a 6’ table, punch bowl, and a donation jar and Glenda will provide a tablecloth.

Certificates were created for each participant of the show and will be given to the students when they pick up their artwork. Joy will give these to Beth and Linda for the students when they pick up their work.

Invitations were created to send to those the commission felt needed a special invite. The commission suggested they be sent to the Mayor and City Council, the Optimist Club, the Camera

Club, Peagusus Frame Studio, *Democrat-Herald* – Nancy Raskauskas, Albany Visitors Association, and the teachers involved at both the high schools.

Marsha will bring her sound system and microphone to the event and is going to ask BJ Nicoletti to play as well. Michael suggested we have the reception early in the month so those who win can get the recognition for the remainder of the month. The People's Choice could still be done at the end on the month with the paper being notified.

Joy will ask the Mayor, Sharon Konopa, to do the prize presentations at the reception.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next Month's Agenda

Teen Art Recap

What worked well?

What didn't work well?

Set dates for next year (Marsh will see when Benton County's show is)

**Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in the Periwinkle Room at 3:30 p.m.**

Minutes taken by Joy Gilliland