WARRENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION
Monday, February 3, 2020

Call to Order
A meeting of the Warrensburg Arts Commission was held on Monday, February 3 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Chairman Laura Lockhart presiding.

Present were: Laura Lockhart, Cindy Bechtol, Ray Crisp, Jay Linhardt, Aerin Sentgeorge, and City Council representative, Scott Holmberg. Absent: Stephanie Sekelsky and Ellie Schmutz.

Establish Quorum
A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda
Jay moved to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the January 6, 2020, meeting will be amended to reflect the following changes:

Marketing/Publicity-Ellie Schmutz
Art in Public Places-Aerin Sentgeorge
Finance-Stephanie Sekelsky
Events Planning-Ray Crisp
Warrensburg Community Theatre-Cindy Bechtol
Performing Arts-Jay Lindhardt

Jay moved to amend the minutes with these changes. Carried unanimously.

Introduction of guests/visitors
Eddie Osborne said he would like to speak about concerts at the courthouse. He said the series began in 2009 when the Johnson County Historical Society hosted the New Harmonies Series which celebrates history through music. Eddie said this will be the twelfth year of the concert series, and he has provided the financial backing for the first 8 years along with the financial help of others. Eddie said he would like to know if the Arts Commission could underwrite a performance. He said he wasn't sure of the grant amounts, but he believed they are between $200 to $250. Laura explained this is a new commission, and Eddie said he did not expect an answer right away. Eddie will prepare an estimate of expenses for the commission.

Eddie asked if others have heard of Play for Change which writes a song about a community. Eddie said he would like to write that song and record the video. He said many of the songs are in a foreign language, but this would be for the City. Eddie said he likes to give back to his community.

Laura said Christian Cutler had wanted to attend this afternoon's meeting to discuss some miscellaneous matters, but she has not heard from him today.

Finance/Budget Report
There was discussion of the report and since Stephanie is not at today's meeting, this will be

discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Ray said the downtown mural is in desperate need of restoration. Jay said he believed it had restored since he was appointed to the commission. Ray said it is still in need of restoration. This was discussion of the process of paying bills. Laura said request for payments must go through a committee before being submitted to the commission. Laura said a maintenance proposal needs to be proposed.

Updates on Programs

a. Theatre-Cindy B. said she believes it would be best to leave the Arts Commission with the Theatre. She said this would help with non-profit perks and the other groups could join in later. There was discussion of various services that could be offered in the future.
b. Marketing/Publicity-Laura said Ellie has been busy working on upcoming events.
c. KOKO Radio Schedule-Laura said the next radio show for the Arts Commission is Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Aerin said the elementary and high school art shows are during the month of May.
d. Others-Laura said the dedication at the Veterans Home went well. Ray said he attended Main Street's meeting and they have a lot of talent and ideas about murals.
e. Performance Arts-Jay said he will be scheduling a meeting. Everyone is to let Laura know when they will be having their meetings and let her know who their members are.

Unfinished Business

Cindy G. will check on the Pine Street project.

Other Business/Action

There was a brief discussion of the storage of the pieces from the J.C. Carter sculptures, theatre information, and the pianos at the Culton Street properties.

Ray said he believes it would be very helpful if members of the Community Chorus and other groups presented information about themselves. He said he realizes this would take more time-maybe up to one hour. After discussion, Ray said he would withdraw his proposal.

Laura said she learned the night before the piano dedication that the family wanted another named added to the plaque. She agreed and Laura said she would like to propose the Arts Commission pay an additional amount of around $18.00. Everyone agreed to this expense.

Adjournment
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Gabel, City staff liaison