

# URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ART GALLERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 10, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Irene Cameron, Larry Kusmaul, Sandy Kusmaul, Ivan Martin, Tam Martin, Charlotte Saliers, Ted Saliers, Emma Thomas-McGinnis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** LuAnn Pedrick, Jeff Suchomel

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nicholas Janning, Brianna Ryan, Staci Stanton

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Nicholas called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** The committee reviewed and approved the April agenda.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** The committee reviewed and approved the January minutes.

**CITIZENS FORUM:** None

**APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:** The committee reviewed and approved the report.

## 1. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Officers for FY 2024-2025
  - i. Nicholas opened it up to the committee to discuss how they would like to proceed with electing officers for the next year. No one expressed any interest in electing a new set of officers. Sandy moved to re-elect the same officers for another year. Everyone on the committee voted in favor of this motion.

## 2. STAFF REPORT

- a. Public Art Committee – Urbandale Public Library Art Gallery (UPLAG) Year in Review
  - i. Tuesday, April 16 at 4:00 PM
    1. Nicholas will present the annual overview of UPLAG's highlights from the past year at the Public Art Committee's next meeting. Brianna and Staci will join him and anyone on the gallery committee is welcome to come as well.
- b. Listserv for committee
  - i. At January's meeting the committee discussed the possibility of having a listserv for committee members to ensure communications wouldn't go to outdated emails. Nicholas looked into the possibility of creating one through the city but was told that wouldn't be possible with non-city email. Nicholas suggested that anyone on the committee could look into other options for a listserv through Google or some other platform. Currently, the only solution in lieu of a listserv is to update everyone on the committee if your email changes and encourage everyone to always grab the committee emails from the latest gallery communication received.
  - ii. The Kusmauls continue to get committee communications sent to their old email account. They provided everyone with their updated email to use.
- c. New hanging rods order
  - i. The company that the committee had looked at ordering new gallery rods from charges a \$400 flat rate for shipping the length we need no matter if you are ordering 1 or 50 rods. Nicholas discovered that the shorter rods were standard

shipping and ordered two of that length to test on our gallery track to see if the hook would work.

- ii. The committee went to test out the rods in the gallery and discovered that the hook fit but was curved in a way that made it so the rod would not hang flat against the wall.
- iii. Charlotte had been unable to find the type of rod the gallery would need from any other retailer. If the committee is unable to find replacement rods then the entire hanging system would need to be replaced. Total replacement about doubles the cost and is not in the committee's budget meaning the committee wouldn't be able to update the system for at least another year or more. It was suggested that there might be places that could custom make hanging rods and recommended looking at local Iron Works companies or seeing if DMAACC would be interested in having their welding program students make the rods we need. Since the library already has an ongoing partnership with DMAACC Staci has a contact person that she will share with Charlotte to follow up on.

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Saliers  
President

Attest: Brianna Ryan