

## URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ART GALLERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 10, 2024

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

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

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

**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 July agenda.

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

**CITIZENS FORUM:** None

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

### 1. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. 2024 Artist Replacement

- i. Mark Doherty was scheduled to have a joint exhibition with Tiara Young from December 15, 2024 – February 1, 2025, but is moving out of state and can no longer participate. Tiara doesn't have enough art for a solo show, so the committee discussed finding a replacement for Mark.
- ii. Emma made a note that the committee could send out a newsletter to get the word out about needing a replacement. Charlotte mentioned she knows an artist who makes comics/ illustrations that she could potentially ask to fill in. Brianna suggested contacting Sadagat Aliyeva, an artist who had applied last year and was asked to do a show but couldn't make it work with her schedule at the time. The committee thought that would be an ideal option as her art would work well with Tiara's art. Library staff will reach out to Sadagat to see if she can fill in for the exhibit. If she cannot then the committee will look into Emma and Charlotte's suggestions.

#### b. Soliciting Artists for 2025 Exhibitions

- i. The art gallery committee accepts artist submissions year-round but juries them once a year at the October committee meeting to review and select artists for the following year's exhibit schedule. The committee will send out a call for artists in August and September prior to the October meeting.
- ii. The committee's plans for soliciting artists this year include sending out an art gallery newsletter, posting the call for artists on artist boards online, and inviting local artists when visiting events like the Waukee Art Fest in July. The library will include a call for artists in their September adult programming newsletter and their TV slides.

## 2. STAFF REPORT

- a. DMACC hanging rod update
  - i. Staci didn't have luck with her DMACC contact regarding their metal working classes making custom hanging system rods. The committee could reach out in the fall when DMACC classes resume.
- b. Congratulations to Charlotte and Emma
  - i. Charlotte has been elected to be on the Urbandale Public Art Committee by the Mayor.
  - ii. Emma was a big part of the committee in charge of making the new City of Urbandale flag and the flag reveal during the State of the City Address.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Saliers

President

Attest: Brianna Ryan