

URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ART GALLERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 9, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Kusmaul, Sandy Kusmaul, Ivan Martin, Tammy Martin, Charlotte Saliers, Grace Saliers, Ted Saliers, Jeff Suchomel, Emma Thomas-McGinnis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Willson

STAFF PRESENT: Nicholas Janning, Brianna Ryan, Staci Stanton

CITIZENS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Nicholas called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA: The committee reviewed and approved the October agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES: The committee reviewed and approved the July minutes.

CITIZENS FORUM: None

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

1. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of New Treasurer
 - i. Charlotte and Ivan nominated Tammy for Treasurer. All members present approved, and Tammy Martin was appointed as the new Treasurer.
- b. Review Applicants for 2025 Exhibition Schedule
 - i. The committee reviewed 37 artists and groups that had applied to be in the Urbandale Public Library Art Gallery next year. In the submissions, artists included what medium they generally worked with, if they had a theme they wanted to explore, if they would be open to a solo or a shared exhibit, and examples of their work. This year there were nearly twice as many applications as the previous year and only 9 exhibitions to fill. The committee first reviewed all of the artist applications. Following the review of all the submissions, each committee member voted on the applications with either yes, maybe, or no. The responses were weighted by a "yes" vote earning 2 points, a "maybe" vote earning 1 point, and a "no" vote earning 0 points. Every applicant's total was calculated and the top 17 with the highest scores were selected with 14 of the 17 being grouped to have joint exhibitions.
 - ii. Emma offered to contact all 17 applicants and work with the selected artists to lock down the 2025 gallery exhibit schedule. After she reaches out to everyone and finalizes the schedule, she will share it with the rest of the committee. Brianna will then contact the artists to schedule their optional art receptions so those dates can be included on the 2025 Art Gallery Schedule bookmark.

2. STAFF REPORT

- a. Annual Presentation to the Public Art Committee (PAC)
 - i. In the past the Urbandale Public Library Art Gallery Committee would give their annual presentation to PAC and request funds near the end of the year in December. Nicholas shared that the presentation would be pushed back and will take place in the Spring instead as that fits with PAC's schedule better.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Saliers

President

Attest: Brianna Ryan