

Baraboo Public Art Association

**MINUTES**

January 27, 2022

**Present:** Bekah Stelling, Rob Nelson, Ed Geick, Marcy Huffaker, Angie Lowe, Morgan McArthur, Mike Palm, Kim Rabska, Judy Spring and guest Carol Hillestad. Sending regrets: Megan Watson.

1. Stelling called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Stelling added “discussion about website” to the agenda.
2. Huffaker moved approval of the December 2021 minutes, Geick seconded, motion carried.
3. Treasurer’s report. \$6,892.10 in Money Market. \$34,440.37 in Foundation. We can ask for the annual distribution from the Foundation in April (estimated at \$1722). The major accomplishment of 2021 was raising funds and meeting the challenge grant. The federal annual 990 report has been filed. Motion by Geick, seconded by Palm to accept the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried. No new funding leads.
4. Guest Carol Hillestad, the 2022 Chair of Spirit Lake Arts, described the organization’s recent changes and invited discussion about areas of cooperation between our two groups.
5. GL Willson mural is on hold until the weather improves, and new panels arrive.
6. Challenge Park Selfie Station. The Friends of Baraboo Parks has raised about 2/3 of the amount needed for the challenge equipment. Spring will send invitation to BHS students to submit selfie station design ideas.
7. Great Sauk State Trail (GSST). There might be new funding for a portion of the trail. Route planning continues.
8. PLANNING
  - a. Spring offered two documents: “Submitting a proposal” to be used when a project is being proposed either from the board or from a member of the public and “Checklist for project selection” for board members to use when deciding whether to accept a proposal. This was the first reading; we will think about them and revisit at the next meeting.
  - b. Review of first draft of “List of completed projects and valuations”. Several corrections are needed. Geick will track down information about the stone lion sculptures.
  - c. Introduction of one page history of BPAA. Need to revisit at next meeting to check for additions or changes.
  - d. Need to find the brainstorming list of possible locations for public art. Is there a list or is it a map of sites?
  - e. Review of first draft of BPAA 2022 calendar of projects and activities. Needs some revision.

9. NEW BUSINESS. We need to rethink the website. Stelling asks that people bring to the next meeting ideas of who can help us.
10. Cool new ideas? Discussion about street art, semi-permanent works, surprise art, the unsightly small bits of land at the south face of the Broadway train trestle.
11. Next meeting Thursday, March 24, 5:15 p.m.