

Baraboo Public Art Association

MINUTES

October 27, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by Angie Lowe at 5:18 pm. Also present were Ed Geick, Marcy Huffaker, Kim Rabska, Judy Spring, and guest Bryant Hazard. Sending regrets: Mary Krszjanek, Morgan McArthur, Mike Palm, Mayor Rob Nelson, Megan Watson. No additions to the agenda.
2. Geick moved to appoint Mary Krszjanek to the board. Huffaker seconded, motion carried.
3. Geick moved to approve the minutes of September 22 and email motions of October 12 – 14. Huffaker seconded, motion carried.
4. Rabska reported the current checking account balance is \$7,282.95. The Foundation fund balance as of 9/30 is \$28,153.84. She submitted the brief required report to the Foundation describing our plan to pledge this year's fund distribution to the suicide prevention "conversation corner" at Oschner Park (Stelling/Watson project). Donations are starting to come in for the Raising Our Sisters project. Any funds coming in now are assumed to be in support of Raising Our Sisters. Spring is mailing thank you notes as the donations come in.
5. Geick and Spring took part in a training with Bev Vaillancourt to learn how to maintain the website. The website link has been corrected on the City home page/community links.
6. We had only 12 responses to our first attempt at a survey; it is still up on the website. The good outcome was learning how to create the survey and place it on the website. An invitation to take part in the survey was posted on Baraboo United but there was little response.
7. New funding leads. Palm forwarded to Spring a notice about local Rotary grants and the Nov. 1 deadline. At first glance it appears the grants are for 2023. Spring will follow up.
8. "Raising Our Sisters" project update. The temporary installation is up thanks to hard work by Chris Sweet, Chrissy Shegonee and their crew. Spring expressed thanks to staff at both Circus World and City Parks Department for their timely assistance in drafting the "hold harmless" document and their letters of support for the Good Idea Grant application. Newspaper publicity and social media promotions are underway.
9. Regarding the Great Sauk State Trail, Hazard commented that a call has been issued for route designers to plot the course from Badger to Baraboo.
10. Regarding the Oak and Water ("High Bridge") overlook, Hazard recommended that BPAA let the planners know we might be interested in placing an artwork there.

11. Lowe followed up with the Homeless Shelter regarding their request for an interior mural. They were understanding about their request not fitting with BPAA's mission of "public viewing".
12. Spring presented a first run-through of a BPAA PowerPoint presentation for board members to take to service clubs and other prospective supporters. Hazard suggested scheduling an appearance before the City Council to say thanks. Discussion: We will need updated brochures to take to public presentations. Geick and Huffaker will find the original brochure and plan for an update.
13. Lowe wondered if we might be able to host an event for supporters to show them what we've been doing and what might be coming. Huffaker will send the donor list spreadsheet to Lowe and Spring so we can start updating it.
14. Thursday, Dec. 1 will be our combined November/December meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.