

Baraboo Public Art Association

MINUTES

July 22, 2021

In person meeting, Thurow Conference Room, City Administration Building

1. Bekah Stelling called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Also present: Angie Lowe, Ed Geick, Marcy Huffaker, Judy Spring. (**Quorum** of 5) Guest: Robin Whyte, Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin.
2. One item, "bylaws question", was added to the agenda. Geick moved to adopt the agenda, Huffaker seconded; motion carried.
3. Geick moved to accept the May 27, 2021 minutes, Lowe seconded, motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Huffaker reported \$6,846 in the money market account, including an order for one new quilt square. There is \$34,431.34 in the foundation account.
 - b. Robin Whyte, CFSCW, warmly congratulated the BPAA board on meeting its \$10,000 matching grant. A "big check" photo op followed the meeting. Stelling will send a thank you note to the anonymous donor via CFSCW.
5. Other funding leads? Geick mentioned that there might still be \$5000 in the Mayor's Beautification Fund for this fiscal year. Now is the time to get a plan in place before the next budget cycle begins. Geick will follow up with Rob Nelson.
6. Myron Sculpture Park. Motion by Stelling, seconded by Geick to approve expenditure of up to \$100 for spot lighting of the elephants. Motion carried. Huffaker will follow up. We will want to continue monitoring the park. Stelling suggested we think about a project that would bring some color to the park.
7. Website update. Lowe will send Stelling a photo of herself to be added to the Board Members page of the website.
8. Fabric of Community quilt squares. Robin Whyte noted that she was unable to find the quilt square application on the city website. Stelling will follow up and will also pin the application to the top of the BPAA Facebook page.
9. Great Sauk Trail (GST) No news.
10. GL Willson mural. No news. Lowe mentioned that there is a new five panel mural by Melanie Talmadge completed as part of the Middle School renovation.
11. New idea. Stelling offered a draft idea for a low-cost community visibility project involving building and installing bird houses based on an idea Stelling found from Europe. Mike Hardy,

Dept. of Parks and Recreation, is interested and thinks it will help the city achieve the next level of "Bird Community" recognition. Spring will send the draft proposal to all board members for discussion at the August meeting.

12. Geick had circulated an article that included information about community art projects in other communities, including a city "artist in residence" program.
13. Huffaker suggested that its time to take another look at our "Wish List" of ideas for the next project(s).
14. Stelling described the new mural on Lacey Stefffen's building and a question about a city ordinance not allowing business contact information to be included. Geick suggested asking Tom Pinion to come to the next meeting to help us understand the limits of the ordinance.
15. Bylaws question. Spring noted the discrepancy between the current bylaws and current practice. Article III, Section 3.9(b) says "Any member of the Board of Directors shall be removed therefrom if he or she has been absent from four (4) regularly scheduled Board Meetings within a twelve (12) month period." Given that several board members have had 4 absences within 12 months, Spring moved that the wording of the BPAA bylaws section be modified to read "Any member of the Board of Directors **may** be removed if he or she has been absent from four (4) regularly scheduled board meetings within a twelve-month period." Geick seconded, motion carried.
16. Next meeting 4 p.m., Thursday, August 26. Geick moved to adjourn, Huffaker seconded. Meeting adjourned for "big check" photo!

Judy Spring, Secretary