



Tuesday, January 14, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Wheeling Arts & Cultural Commission was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. at the Stifel Fine Arts Center, the President being in the chair and the Secretary present.

Call to Order at 5:25 p.m.

The following members were present: Jeanne Finstein, Christina Fisanick, Travis Henline, Melinda Koslik, Mark Phillips, Laura Roberts, Erin Rothenbuehler, Ron Scott

Members absent: Sarah Clark, Sean Duffy, Cheryl Harshman, Sara Hauptfeuhrer, Jennifer Kellner-Muscar, Danielle McCracken, Betsy Sweeny, Katie Welch

Special Guest: Mindi Yarbrough-Langford

Approval of December's meeting minutes – Jeanne F. motioned to accept as received, Laura R. seconded and all approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Mark P. delivered the treasurer's report and stated that there were no changes to the accounts since last month and that the commission's balance is \$14,996.03. Melinda K. motioned to accept this report as received, Erin R. seconded and all approved. Motion carried.

Reports of Standing Committees

Marketing and Fundraising

- Studio Tour 2020 – Melinda K. reported that the sub-committee met a few weeks ago and came up with a project plan for this event. Everything is on track and the tour will take place on Saturday, April 25. Call for artists will run on Feb. 1 and continue for 1 month.

Visual Arts

- Downtown Storefront Holiday Decoration Contest – Melinda K. provided a recap of the event. 26 storefronts participated and the online poll generated over 700 votes. Winners were as follows: 1st place – Felton CPA, 2nd place – UNIGlobe, 3rd place – ThrIVE Wheeling, 4th place tied – Bridge Tavern & Grill and Wheeling Heritage Helpers (Kaufmann's Building). Bob V. created the frame for the certificate.

History and Literature

- Wheeling Reads – Christina F. stated that the sub-committee put together the inaugural kickoff event for "Educated". It is free and will take place on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at

Towngate Theatre. The event will open with a lecture from Scott Hannah from West Liberty and then focus on topics about “place and literature.” A snack and drink bar will be provided.

Performing Arts

Ron S. gave an update on the following projects:

- Local Musician Spotlight – Larry, Kurt Zende and Ron S. will work together to put on the event using the Artworks Around Town space.
- Monologue Contest – Event has been postponed. Ron S. will reach back out to schools next month.
- Flash Mob Event – Ron S. is currently looking for another dance group to participate in this event. Studio MC does not seem to be interested.
- Dance Showcase for 65+ - Looking for a dance studio to help coordinate this event with.
- Adult Instrument Circle (CA House) – no update.

Reports of Special Committees

- Arts Fest 2020 – Next steps: Mark P. plans to organize a meeting with the chair of each committee before the next A&CC meeting. Planning will then begin and tasks will be assigned. Melinda K. brought up the electrical concerns/limitations of Market Plaza. Mark P. needs to speak with Rusty to find out more information. Proposed Arts Fest date is June 19 & 20.

New Business

- WheelingArtBeat website domain names renewal – Melinda K. notified the commission that they received an invoice from Chiselbox with domain name renewals. She then asked if the domain names for wheelingartbeat.net, wheelingartbeat.info and wheelingartbeat.org should be renewed. The commission agreed to not renew those three domains and to only keep the .com version.

Next meeting February 11, 2020 at the Stifel Fine Arts Center

Adjourn at 6:30 p.m.