



Lewiston City Library Art Committee Meeting Minutes
07.20.23
4 pm - Community Room

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm with John Patterson, Linda Scott, Ray Esparsen, Kelsey Grafton, Erin Cassetto, Deena Heath and Lynn Johnson present.

Approval of previous meeting minutes: May 18, 2023 - Linda Scott moved to approve the minutes and Erin Cassetto seconded the motion with the correction of the update to the next meeting date as no meeting was to be held in June. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished business

- a. Potential artist list - Deena Heath presented an updated list of potential artists and requested members review the artists websites or online pages and gather contact information for any other artists that may be interested in displaying art at the library.

New Business

- a. Art Donation - Action Item
Lynn Johnson explained that Ann Crawford had submitted letters on July 6 and 7 in regards to Ralph and herself donating the bronze bust of Chief Gall, the bronze bust of Chief Rain-in-the-Face, the large table sized bronze Buffalo Run and the buffalo hide currently on display with Buffalo Run. At that time, Ann was acting through her role as power of attorney. Lynn also explained that power of attorney documents had been submitted to herself and shared with the city attorney's office but that there were additional pages of the document needed for the city's records. With the passing of Ralph Crawford after the donation letter had been submitted, it was discussed whether the art committee should formally recommend per the Public Art Policy Display and Donation to the Library Board of Trustees to formally accept the donation. Also discussed was the need to attain appraisals for insurance purposes.

Deena Heath moved to recommend to the board the acceptance of the donation of the bronze bust titled Chief Gall, the bronze bust titled Chief Rain-in-the-Face, the large bronze titled Buffalo Run and the buffalo hide contingent on the review of all appropriate documents and information concerning the gift. The motion was seconded by Ray Esparsen. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Art Receptions for Incoming Artists -

With low attendance at the past several artist receptions, thoughts were shared about why this may be the case including poor timing during the day and week. It was suggested that the receptions should align with other community events such as first Fridays and Art Walk. It was also noted that more personal calls to invite members of the community may need to be made along with the addition of a sandwich board on the Main Street sidewalk. The Salmon River Artists Guild reception will take place during Art Walk. Erin Cassetto offered to examine other dates that may be more likely to bring in an audience and share that information. Kelsey Grafton and Ray Esparsen offered to help as well.

3. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. August 17, 2023
- b. September 21, 2023

4. Adjournment - Erin Cassetto moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 pm and John Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.