

## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center**

### **February 15, 2007**

**Present:** Loren Backhaus, Mike Knott, David Meloy, Janet Sichterman and Marilyn Wick

**Absent:** Mark Huddleston, Eric Knoernschild, Scott Natvig, Mary Wildermuth

**Staff:** Barbara Christensen, Director

**Visitors Speak:** No visitors in attendance

**MINUTES:** It was moved by David Meloy and seconded by Mike Knott that the minutes of the January 18, 2007 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** It was moved by Mike Knott and seconded by David Meloy to approve the monthly bills totaling \$2,592.05 for payment. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Collections:** It was moved by Mike Knott and seconded by David Meloy to approve an expenditure of \$2,000 from the General Donation Trust to be used for funding a portion of an appraisal for a collection. Motion carried.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Nothing to report.

**Finance & Budget:** The various funds and foundation balances, along with the expenditures were reviewed and approved.

**Community Long-Range Planning:** The committee has heard back from two architects showing interest in providing a proposal.

**Art Center Long-Range Planning:** Each committee chair was asked to review their long range plans and report any changes at the next Board meeting in March.

**Personnel:** The committee will begin planning the Trustee-Staff get together that will be in April. The committee will set something up, preferably in one of our homes, with staff and trustees along with their spouse/guest attending.

**Program/Publicity:** A motion was made by Janet Sichterman and seconded by David Meloy to contribute \$1,000 toward the local musical *Muscatine!* that will be produced and performed later in the fall of 2007. Motion carried.

**Education Coordinator's Report:** Report was received for review.

**Director's Report:** Report was received for review. Christensen noted that before the March Meeting, Virginia Cooper will do a tour of the Eisele Hill Archaeological Excavation exhibition.

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing new to report.

**New Business:** Trustees should make a note on their calendars that there will be a tour before the March board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Mike Knott and seconded by David Meloy to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet R. Sichterman, Secretary

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February 1, 2007

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, January 2006

Our winter classes are underway, with mixed results. As usual, we are having a good response to the Tots music and art classes, although enrollment is down slightly from last fall. A number of the parents are reluctant to bring their children out in the cold winter weather. Unfortunately we did not reach our minimum for our Wednesday After-School classes, so we have cancelled "Pet Rock Studio" and "Kids With Class" for the winter semester.

The reason for our lower outreach numbers in 2007 compared to 2006 is a reduction in the number of students in this year's winter enrichment program.

Our first Saturday afternoon kids' workshop, "Art du Jar" with Duffy De France, also did not meet its minimum and was cancelled. One problem here is that I was in Florida on vacation, so a flyer was not sent out to remind people of this class. We did have a good response to "Oil Painting for Kids: Wild Animals" with Vada Baker and "Pottery from the Past" with Julie Lear.

Vada's Thursday evening adult class, "Red Barn Studio," is also doing well. On January 18 she taught a workshop on altered books, and on January 25 she explained the art of photo painting and the students got to try their hand at this technique.

Our first Sunday "Cabin Fever" program was about my father, Karl Zerbe. In 1965, after a trip to Brazil, he created a number of leaf collages representing the rain forest. Everyone enjoyed learning about his artwork and creating their own leaf collage.

We have been hosting a Homeschool Enrichment Program this winter. Susan Fridrych is conducting a unit about Iowa for her Homeschool Assistance students, and they are all having a great time with their projects. In February we will be giving them a tour of the Eisele Hill exhibit as part of this unit.

Julie Lear conducted three outreach workshops in January.

The Y Variety Arts Group and the Y Teen Leaders created picture frames in the Iris-Fold technique.

The Hodge Podge Kids from the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program also learned about the art of "Iris-Folding" and created a heart-shaped "valentine."

Other than my mansion tour for the trustees, there were no scheduled tours in January. With the help of Friends Board Member Carolyn Airola and Iowa State Archaeologist Lynn Alex I put together a teachers packet with information about our Eisele Hill Archaeological Exhibit for 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Carolyn made a brief presentation at their grade-level meeting and will get the packets to them shortly.

There were no birthday parties in January.

The Spring Brochure has been completed and is at the printers. We will get our student mailing out next week, and deliver to the schools and preschools shortly after that.

In addition to supporting our winter program, I am now working on plans for our spring and summer 2007 semesters, as well as the Ice Cream Social and other outreach events.

Let me know if you have anything else to add to the list.

**Muscatine Art Center Education Department  
2007 Winter Attendance Report**

**January 2007**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Mon. Jan. 1	ART CENTER CLOSED		
Tues. Jan. 2			
Wed. Jan. 3			
Thurs. Jan. 4			
Fri. Jan. 5			
Sat. Jan. 6			
Sun. Jan. 7			
Totals for week:			
Mon. Jan. 8	Outreach: Y Variety Arts	Cancelled – instructor ill	
Tues. Jan. 9	Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Jan. 10	Art for Tots: Let It Snow ID 3025 & 3026	13	23
Thurs. Jan. 11	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders: Iris-fold frames	--	12
	Host:Homeschool Assistance Enrichment	--	
Fri. Jan. 12	Music for Tots ID 3041 & 3042	34	64
Sat. Jan. 13	Kids Workshop: Art Du Jar ID 3045	Cancelled – low enrollment	
Sun. Jan. 14			
<b>Totals for week:</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>101</b>
Mon. Jan. 15	Outreach: Y Variety Arts (make-up class)	--	9
Tues. Jan. 16	Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Jan. 17	Art for Tots: Paper Capers ID 3027 & 2028	12	21
Thurs. Jan. 18	Red Barn Studio: Altered Books ID 3054	6	6
	Host:Homeschool Assistance Enrichment	--	11
Fri. Jan. 19	Music for Tots: ID 3041 & 3042	34	58
Sat. Jan. 20	Kids Workshop: Oil Painting for Kids ID 3046	6	6
Sun. Jan. 21			
<b>Totals for week:</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>111</b>
Mon. Jan. 22			
Tues. Jan. 23	Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Jan. 24	Art for Tots: Glorious Glue ID 3029 & 3030	12	21
	Kids with Class ID 3053	cancelled – low enrollment	
	Pet Rock Studio: Passport to Art II ID 3052	cancelled – low enrollment	
Thurs. Jan. 25	Red Barn Studio: Photo Painting ID 3055	8	8
	Host:Homeschool Assistance Enrichment	--	10
Fri. Jan. 26	Music for Tots: ID 3041 & 3042	34	55
	Outreach: Hodge Podge Kids	--	29
Sat. Jan. 27	Kids Workshop: Pottery from the Past ID 3047	15	14
Sun. Jan. 28	Cabin Fever: Karl Zerbe ID 3059	7	7
<b>Totals for week:</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>146</b>

Mon. Jan. 29			
Tues. Jan. 30	Adventures in Art	--	
Wed. Jan. 31	Art for Tots: Me and My Shadow ID 3031 & 3032	10	21
	Kids with Class ID 3053	cancelled – low enrollment	
	Pet Rock Studio: Passport to Art II ID 3052	cancelled – low enrollment	
	<b>Totals for January 2006</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>379</b>
	Totals for January 2005	121	220
	Totals for January 2006	128	538

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the month of January 2007**  
**February 15, 2007**

Total number of visitors for January 2007	580
Total number of visitors for January 2006	733
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2006	580
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2005	733
All figures include outreach program participants	

**EXHIBITIONS (in the month of January)**

**Through January 7, 2007**

Quilts from the Muscatine Art Center Permanent Collection

**Through January 14, 2007**

Hatpins and Hatpin Holders

**Through January 28, 2007**

Currier & Ives Prints from the Permanent Collection

**January 14, 2007 – April 1, 2007**

DIG IT! Eisele Hill Archaeological Excavation

**EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – February)**

**January 14, 2007 – April 1, 2007**

DIG IT! Eisele Hill Archaeological Excavation

**CLASSES**

**January 10**

*Art for Tots: Let It Snow* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**January 12, 19 & 29**

*Music For Tots* - taught by Julie Lear

**January 17**

*Art for Tots: Paper Capers* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**January 18 & 25**

*Red Barn Studio: Altered Books & Photo Painting* - taught by Vada Baker

**January 20**

*Oil Painting for Kids: Wild Animals* - taught by Vada Baker

**January 24**

*Art for Tots: Glorious Glue* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**January 27**

*Pottery from the Past* – taught by Julie Lear

**January 28**

*Karl Zerbe collages in the Rain Forest* - taught by Maria Norton

**January 31**

*Art for Tots: Me and My Shadow* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**TOURS**

**January 18**

Boy Scout Troop #104

**January 25**

Cub Scout Pack #114

## **OTHER**

### **January 11, 15 & 26**

Lear presented outreach programs at the Y

### **January 9, 16, 23, & 30**

Adventures in Art class held in the Stanley Gallery Studio

### **January 11, 18 & 25**

Homeschool Enrichment Programs held in the Stanley Gallery Studio

### **January 27**

Muscatine County Arts Council Ragtime Symposium held at the Art Center

## **ACQUISITIONS**

- *Headwaters of the Mississippi* (book). Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Books, photographs & ephemera relating to Muscatine & Muscatine history. c.1905. Gift of Bob & Gayle Rada.
- Muscatine High School Records of Plants, 1890. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Newspaper article regarding Alexander Clark in *The Press* Philadelphia, 1868. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Clothing related to Laura Musser McColm. Gift of Betty Spies.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Longtin  
Director

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