

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Muscatine Art Center**  
**April 21, 2011**

**Present:** Mark Huddleston, Jan Henderson, Doug Krieger, Caren Luke, Jennifer Conard, David Meloy, Tom Spread and Jeffrey Stone.

**Absent:** Becky Wichers

**Staff:** Barb Christensen

President, Tom Spread opened the meeting.

**Visitors:** No visitors present.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Mark Huddleston, seconded by Caren Luke to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011, regular meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

**Bills:** It was moved by Mark Huddleston, seconded by Jeffrey Stone to approve payment of monthly bills totaling \$12,509.71. Motion carried. Tom Spread and Mark Huddleston signed the Schedule of Bills by Fund.

**Credit Card Expenses** - Monthly credit card expenses totaling \$872.65 were approved for payment. Tom Spread and Mark Huddleston signed the Monthly Log of Credit Card Expenditures.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Collections:** Barb Christensen reported.

**1) Gift from Nancy Purington** – Nancy Purington gifted the “Meditation of the Mississippi: Genesis, 2009” painting to the Art Center. Nancy is an Iowa City artist who grew up along the Mississippi River and for many years the river has been a theme in her work. She had two major exhibits at the Muscatine Art Center; the most recent called “Twelve Views of Water” which was exhibited here in 2009. Barb is a longtime friend of Nancy’s and feels this painting will fit nicely in the Mississippi collection.

**2) Wilmer Collection** of eleven significant works of art is currently on view in the Musser Museum Gallery. Dorothy Johnson, Roy J. Carver Professor of Art History at the University of Iowa, will present a special lecture and tour of the Wilmer collection on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 2:00 PM.

**Building & Grounds:** Barb Christensen reported

**1) Waterproofing Wall in Musser Museum Basement** - Jerry McKenzie of the City’s Public Works Department has obtained a proposal for \$6,858.00 from BMW Builders to correct this longstanding water problem. The cost of this project will come out of the Buildings & Grounds budget. No action required.

**2) Walkway Lights** – the lights are working.

**3) Elevators** - The City received a bid from KONE at a cost of over \$20,000 per elevator. Barb Christensen will continue to monitor the progress of this project and provide updates as this is a safety issue to both employees and visitors at the Art Center. The cost of this project will come out of the Buildings & Grounds budget. No action required.

**4) Muscatine Branching Out and Keep Muscatine Beautiful** planted 12 shade trees on April 16, 2011. The remaining trees to be planted when weather permits.

**5) Landscaping Proposal for 1402 Mulberry** – The City received a bid from BMW Builders for \$18,228.00 for Phase 2 of the landscape plan. This bid includes landscaping, stone removal, matching curbing, remove walls along drive. Following discussion, it was recommended since the funding for this project is coming out of the Art Center’s budget, that Barb Christensen request written bids from Kellor &

Kellor Landscape and Greenscape Turf & Design, Inc. The Finance Committee will determine whether the funding for Phase 2 will come out of the General Donation Trust or the Brad Burns Trust.

6) **Flagpole** – A 25 foot flagpole is on order to replace the existing pole at a cost of \$1,745.00 and \$480.00 to install. Hahn Ready Mix donated the concrete.

7) **Washer/Dryer** – The Art Center purchased a used washer/dryer at a cost of \$400.00. This enables the Art Center to wash and dry their linens at a significantly lower cost than outsourcing.

8) **Brick Walkway** – BMW Builders will have the walkway repaired before the Ice Cream Social. This project is budgeted out of the McWitter-Gilmore Trust.

**Finance & Budget:** Caren Luke reported.

1) **Financials** – February and March 2011 financials and Trust Fund reports were reviewed.

2) **HNI Charitable Foundation Grant** – Barb Christensen reported a \$5,000 grant was received from the HNI Charitable Foundation to fund the Civil War catalogue. One thousand copies to be printed and will be available for purchase at the event for \$5.00 each. Any unused funds from this grant will be put toward more catalogs or expenses of the Civil War programming.

3) **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine Grant** – Barb Christensen reported a \$400.00 grant was received from the Community Foundation for the Civil War Encampment by the Third Iowa Calvary. This event will be held on June 27, 2011 during PatriArt Week from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the parking lot of the Art Center.

**Long Range Planning:** No report.

**Personnel:** Barb Christensen reported.

1) **Board of Trustee Members** – Another potential name for the board was submitted. Barb Christensen will follow-up and report back at the next meeting. Tom Spread reported he has been unsuccessful in connecting with either of the previous suggestions. The new board member will replace David Meloy, whose term expires June 30, 2011.

**Program/Publicity:** Barb Christensen reported.

1) **Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes** by Salley Mavor opens Saturday, April 23, 2011. A reception, book signing and gallery talk with the artist will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

2) **Sarah Wilmer Collection** - Dorothy Johnson, Roy J. Carver Professor of Art History, University of Iowa will present a special lecture on the Wilmer collection artists on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 2:00 PM.

**Directors Report:** Attached for review with copy of sample web page.

**Unfinished Business:** No report.

**New Business:** No report

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Henderson, Secretary

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the month of April 2011**  
**May 19, 2011**

Total number of visitors for April 2011	2633
Total number of visitors for April 2010	3578
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2011	7994
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2010	9936

All figures include outreach program participants

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

**March 13, 2011 – April 17, 2011**

*Muscatine Mosaic Project III*

*Elementary School Mosaic Project*

**April 23, 2011 – June 19, 2011**

*Salley Mavor: Pocketful of Posies – A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes*

**February 17, 2011 - June 2011**

*Sarah King Wilmer Collection*

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

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**OTHER**

**April 1,**

Tour Mt Pleasant Wisdom

**April 4,**

Civil War Group Meeting – Kitchen

**April 5-8,**

Jefferson School Tours

**April 10,**

4-H Tour

**April 14,**

Friends Board Meeting

Leadership Muscatine Graduation – Music Room and Stanley Gallery

**April 17,**

Muscatine Mosaic Project Reception

**April 21,**

Muscatine Art Center Board of Trustees meeting

Relay For Life - Studio

**April 26,**

DSCI in Studio

**April 27,**

Filming documentary on Alexander Clark in Reception Room of Musser Mansion

**April 30,**

Dorothy Johnson Gallery Talk – Music Room and Musser Mansion Gallery

**ACQUISITIONS**

*Meditation of the Mississippi: Creation Painting*, 2009, 4ft sq. oil w/23k gold and palladium leaf on canvas, Muddy River Bottom, Currently Stirred, Fog and Mist Rise Gently, Above Chaos to The Golden Stream.- Gift of Nancy Purington

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen  
Director