

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center
MARCH 18, 2010

Present: Jan Henderson, Caren Luke, David Meloy, Jeffrey Stone, and Tom Spread.

Absent: Jennifer Conard, Mark Huddleston, Eric Knoernschild and Becky Wickers.

Staff: Barb Christensen

President, Tom Spread, opened the meeting.

Minutes: It was moved by David Meloy, seconded by Caren Luke to approve the minutes of the **February 18, 2010** regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Jan Henderson, seconded by Jeffrey Stone to approve for payment monthly bills totaling \$3,858.33. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: No report.

Building & Grounds: Barb Christensen reported in Chairman Mark Huddleston's absence:

1) **Jayne House** – Scheduled for moving on Wednesday, March 24. Brian Costas' change of date request is on the City Council agenda for consideration and approval at its regular meeting this evening.

2) **Iowa Arts Council Grant** – Barb is applying for a matching funds grant up to \$10,000 from the Iowa Arts Council for a landscape plan to include existing beech trees and partial house foundation for public art area. The grant application is due by April 1, 2010.

3) **Security/Fire Alarm System** – Tabled until the April meeting.

Finance & Budget: Caren Luke reported.

Monthly Financials – The February 2010 monthly financial reports were received and reviewed. No action required.

Long-Range Planning: No report.

Personnel: Barb Christensen reported.

1) Barb is meeting with Nancy Lueck on Monday, March 22, 2010, to review personnel changes and new budget.

2) Barb reported that artist Steve Gerberich, Spring Sprockets & Pulleys, was highly complimentary of the assistance he received from the Art Center staff and Muscatine Public Works Department in setting up his exhibit.

Program/Publicity: Barb Christensen reported:

1) **Spring Sprockets & Pulleys (March 13 and 14, 2010):**

- Members Only reception on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM and the Public Reception on Sunday, March 14, 2010, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM were both very well attended. The Members preview had an attendance around 125 and the public opening was packed out with many new families attending.
- Artist, Steve Gerberich appeared on the Paula Sands Live program on March 10, 2010.
- A very nice article appeared in the A&E section of the March 10, 2010 edition of the *Muscatine Journal*.

2) **Muscatine Autoharp Club** will hold jam sessions in the music room of the Musser Museum every third Saturday of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 PM (No April program).

3) **Pearl City Players** will present an *Old Time Radio Show* live at 2:00 PM in the music room of the Musser Museum on April 15 (Sunday) and April 18 (Sunday).

Education Coordinator's Report: A written report submitted for review.

Director's Report: A written report was submitted for review.

Unfinished Business: None to report.

New Business: None to report.

Adjourn: There being no further business; it was moved by Jeffrey Stone and seconded by David Meloy that the meeting adjourns. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Henderson, Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of March 2010
April 15, 2009

Total number of visitors for March 2010
3937
Total number of visitors for March 2009
1929
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2010
6358
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009
4048
All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of March)

March 14, 2010 – December 31, 2010
Springs Sprockets & Pulleys
February 11 - March 14, 2010– Musser Mansion
American Red Cross
March 21, 2010– Musser Mansion
Metal Sculpture – Mike Drayfahl

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – April)

March 14, 2010 – December 31, 2010
Springs Sprockets & Pulleys

CLASSES & TOURS

See Educator's Report

OTHER

March 1,
Gerberich begins Springs Sprockets & Pulleys installation
March 7,
Relay for Life
March 11,
Friends of the Muscatine Art Center meeting
March 13
Friends Membership Appreciation Night
March 14
Springs Sprockets & Pulleys Opening reception
March 18,
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 18 - 21,
Quilt Show Musser Mansion
March 20,
Autoharp Jam – Music Room
March 23-24,

1402 Mulberry House moving

ACQUISITIONS

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director