

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

### **June 21, 2007**

**Present:** Loren Backhaus, Mike Knott, Mark Huddleston, Eric Knoernschild, Janet Sichterman, Marilyn Wick and Mary Wildermuth

**Absent:** David Meloy and Scott Natvig

**Staff:** Barb Christensen, Director

**Visitors Speak:** No visitors in attendance

**Minutes:** It was moved by Mike Knott and seconded by Eric Knoernschild that the minutes of the May 17, 2007 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Bills:** It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Mike Knott to approve the monthly bills totaling \$2,294.97 for payment. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Collections:** Nothing new to report.

**Building & Grounds:** Barb reported that the Art Center was spared by the recent Tornado, although 2 large tree limbs were knocked down and some damage was done to the front fence. The City will be responsible for repairing the fence when time is available from their other tornado relief efforts.

**Finance & Budget:** The various funds and foundation balances, along with the expenditures were reviewed and approved. Barb brought the charts of account book to the meeting in response to a request from a board member to review.

**Long-Range Planning:** Barb reported that on June 13 & 14 the long range committee heard presentations from two architects: HGA, Milwaukee and Frye Gillan Molinaro (FGM) Chicago. The next steps are for the committee to check references on both firms and begin to identify the firm that will be selected to proceed on the project.

**Personnel:** Janet reviewed that the pizza party for staff and Board of Trustees at Pat Schaapveld's home on June 12<sup>th</sup> was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The Personnel Committee also acts as the nominating committee for Board members. Eric Knoernschild and Marilyn Wick agreed to serve an additional term. New Board considerations are Tom Spread of Central State Bank and Jan Henderson formerly the Executive Assistant to Bandag's CEO. Both individuals were recommended to the Mayor.

**Program/Publicity:** It was reported that the Friends Ice Cream Social is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>. They would like volunteers to help with set up and take down. The event is from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., if you are able to help call Barb.

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

**Director's Report:** Report was received for review.

**Unfinished Business:** Mary Wildermuth recognized Loren Backhaus for his years of service and the entire Board wished Loren well as he retires and moves to Kansas City. Janet Sichterman is also completing her term and will be leaving the Board.

**New Business:** On Thursday July 12 at 7p.m. the Friends will hold their annual meeting in the Music Room. Vision Iowa Board will be meeting in Muscatine on July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Art Center will be hosting the prior evening welcome reception from 5 – 6:30 on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Mike Knott and seconded by Loren Backhaus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet R. Sichterman, Secretary