

ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1-11-2023 – Boone City Hall - Auditorium

Meeting Called to order: 6:33 pm

In attendance: Linda Blakely, David Byrd, Pam Grundstad, Chris Sutton

Approval of Agenda: Moved to approve agenda by Grundstad. Seconded by Sutton. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Amendments to Previous Minutes as follows:

12/10/2022 – Time stated for adjournment is incorrect. The minutes *should* read:

Adjourned at 11:15 AM

Motion to approve the change to the 12/10/2022 minutes. as stated above made by Grundstad. Seconded by Sutton. Motion carried.

12/13/2022 (Special Meeting) – The vote to approve the expenditures from the Christmas Show was inadvertently omitted from the minutes. The minutes *should* read:

The chair presented to the Board the final expenditures for the Christmas Program as compared to the Budget. A motion was made to approve the expenditures by Sutton. Seconded by Byrd.

Motion to approve the 12/13/2022 omission as stated above made by Byrd. Seconded by Sutton. Motion carried.

Financial Overview:

Board reviewed financial report received by the City. Blakely asked Byrd to meet with Elmquist for clarification on the budget and finances submitted by Elmquist for the fiscal year.

Grant Update: High Bridge Quilting submitted a request for funding assistance in 2022 to begin a program that introduces the Art of Quilting specifically targeting teens. In lieu of the meeting on 12/29/2022 with Skare regarding the Arts Ordinance, Blakely suggested a “special project grant” be created for such projects which would allow the Board to offer one time funding assistance and remain in compliance. Blakely requested everyone research arts grants and bring samples/suggestions and a special meeting be held to focus specifically on a grant program. Sutton suggested that we approve an amount now so that we can budget appropriately for the rest of the year with the understanding that monies won’t be awarded until an application is created, received and approved by both the Board and City Council.

Motion to approve a \$500 grant to High Bridge Quilting pending receipt of grant application (and approval) was made by Sutton. Seconded by Grundstad. Motion carried.

Arts Board Council/Committees Overview

Arts Board Ordinance: Blakely & Byrd met with Skare on 12/29/2022 to review the current ordinance and discuss possibilities to hold events and remain in compliance. Discussion included the need to create a Grant Program as a priority and the steps that need to be done to be able to host an event. Blakely suggested a “Special Meeting” be set for 1/19/2023 that focuses specifically on these two issues so that the Arts Board can move forward for the rest of the year.

Arts Board Committees – (Arts Council Committee): It was decided to table any sub-committees at this time and focus on getting the specifics for the ordinance in place first. Blakely will notify the members of the sub-committee of this decision and explain that it doesn’t change their role as participants with the Arts Board.

Arts Board Vacancy: Blakely shared the need to find that 5th person to serve on the Arts Advisory Board. The board agreed that finding the right individual to serve was a priority over just putting a body in the seat. Blakely reviewed the requirements to serve on the Board and asked the board that they have any potential candidates submit an application via the city's website for consideration.

Arts Projects/Events/Programs Overview

CVB – Nights on the Green: Blakely and Grundstad met with Kris Blocker of the CVB regarding sponsoring one of the Nights on the Green Events. A vendor fair was discussed to showcase artists and crafters. Sponsoring the event will allow us to participate and remain in compliance with our purpose. Blakely and Sutton will begin the process of working with the CVB to get the ball rolling.

Motion to approve the \$900 sponsorship for the June 2nd Nights on the Green event was made by Sutton. Seconded by Grundstad. Motion carried.

Christmas Show: Discussion to host another Christmas show included how well it was received and if the interest was there in doing another. A policy/resolution will have to be created to allow the Arts Board to host any event in the future. This can be included in the 1/19/2023 special meeting regarding the ordinance.

Community Choir Survey: Grundstad will put together a list of questions for a survey to be sent to the public to see if there is any interest in creating one. The Arts Board can help it get started, but it will have to be a separate entity. Board is to submit their questions to Grundstad to be brought to the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Other Business:

Board Member Comments: It was brought to the board's attention that a comment was posted on social media by a Councilperson that discouraged members of our community from supporting the Arts Board and discouraged the community to attend the City's Community Christmas Celebration put on by the Arts Advisory Board in 2022. The immediate concern of the board is the negative impact this person's actions could have on the 300+ people, businesses and organizations that participated in the Celebration should the Arts want to repeat the event in 2023. The Arts board will decide on any action to take once additional information is received and confirmed.

No Public Comments

Next Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Boone Municipal Airport. This will be a Special Meeting to focus on a Grant Program and Policy/resolutions for future events.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:11 pm

Motion to Adjourn made by Byrd. Seconded by Sutton. Motion carried.