

Lee's Summit Arts Council

September 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Nick Parker called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Approval of the August Minutes. Jane moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting. John Schuler seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Missouri Bicentennial Committee Presentation, Michael Sweeney. Michael presented to the Arts Council an overview of the mission and efforts of the MO Bicentennial Commission in preparation for Missouri's Bicentennial celebration in 2021. All of the programs and exhibits Michael mentioned are explained in greater detail at www.missouri2021.org. The Arts Council agreed to consider ways the arts in Lee's Summit can be a part of the year of programming. Christina, Jeanine and Brenda have offered to be part of an ad hoc committee to explore ways Lee's Summit can participate.

Budget Review. No new expense for the Arts Council to report. Glenda asked the Council to consider reallocating \$2,000 from the State of the Arts event that was cancelled due to COVID to be used to sponsor arts groups presenting activities during Arts & Culture Week. There was some discussion about using this money for groups from outside Lee's Summit, and how we would determine "who gets what" in terms of the amounts designated. People needing the funds would need to submit their proposals, to which we would then respond.

Nick suggested that we keep these Annual Event funds in our budget and consider rescheduling the event sometime after the first of the year, using them then. If we are unable to have that event, he then suggested the possibility of creating a plan to spend the funds before the end of the fiscal year, perhaps giving them to some of those who applied for 2020 grants but weren't awarded any money.

New Business – Welcome of new Council members, Jazz Rucker and Kemp Strickler, were invited to introduce themselves to the Council. Each provided brief biographical information about their families, where they were educated, and the careers that prepared them to be part of this Council.

Nick requested volunteers for a committee that will explore the possibility of the Arts Council being part of the upcoming LS Centennial celebration. Christine Phillips, Jeanine Akins, and Brenda Harris volunteered.

John Schuler suggested that it's time to review the grant application process to prepare for the 2021 cycle. Glenda requested that we postpone that discussion until the October meeting as she was planning to meet with the City's legal department to discuss options for simplifying the grant application and agreement process.

Also postponed until next month is the process of reappointing members of all internal committees in the Council.

Minutes Submitted by John Hardesty and Glenda Masters.