

Lee's Summit Arts Council

February 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Nick called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present – Nick Parker, Brenda Harris, Gary Fruits, Jeannine Akins, Bob Jones, Jane Bolin, Jody Fristoe, Jennifer DeLuca, John Hardesty. Members absent – John Schuler, Jen Stellar, Christina Phillips. Our newest member, Jennifer De Luca was welcomed.

Approval of January Minutes – Gary Fruits moved to approve the minutes from the Jan. 27, 2019 meeting. Jeannine Akins seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Budget Review - The Arts Council Budget has had a \$10,500 limit on grant funding for the past ten years or so and we're trusting that City Council will approve this year's request for \$16,000. Nick Parker, Gary Fruits, and Bob Jones briefly considered abstaining from voting on approval of grant recommendations due to their various ties to the grantees.

New Business - Ultimately Bob Jones made the motion to approve the recommendations for the proposed 2021 Cultural Arts Grants. Gary Fruits seconded. Unanimously accepted.

Jeannine Akins reported that KC Arts will be partnering with the Lenexa Arts Council for a "meet and greet" on May 13 to convene arts councils and commissions from across the region. An April 6 "meet and greet" is planned by LSAC at either the Red Door or Stone House. Glenda has contact lists of potential invitees.

LSAC will again sponsor Got Talent and the Kite Festival events.

Old Business – Glenda has been working with Donnie from DTLS with the regard to the planned start of the Art Walk and the Sculpture Walk in April. Six sculpture will be install at various locations around downtown. A reception is planned on April 24 for the artists as the Sculpture Walk is launched. These six installations will remain in place for one year and will be available for sale to the public. In conjunction with the project, there will be a mobile audio guide which has location pins for each sculpture and comments from each artist. In the near future, our plan is to add all public art in Lee's Summit and historic landmarks, too.

Glenda has applied for a grant of \$8,000 from the Industrial Development Authority to be used for the installation of some of the concrete pads as well as for the purchase of a piece of art from the exhibit which will be relocated to a new place within the City after the exhibit of complete.

Roundtable – Nick suggested participation of everyone in the Cancer Awareness event that his wife has organized on May 2. Glenda reminded all of the upcoming Arts KC workshop on Feb. 28. Also, next week a 'refresh' of the art on display in City Hall is scheduled. She also made a reminder that the first Thursday of each month there is a Cultural Arts Committee meeting at DTLS at 8:30 a.m. which would be an opportunity for LSAC to partner with DTLS in planning upcoming arts events. One of these is the June 26 Art Walk which will feature a plein air competition.

Adjournment – Nick adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.