

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Muscatine Art Center
October 21, 2010**

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

Absent: Jennifer Conard, Mark Huddleston, Doug Krieger and Becky Wichers.

Staff: Lynn Bartenhagen

President, Tom Spread opened the meeting.

Visitors: None present.

Minutes: It was moved by David Meloy, seconded by Jeffrey Stone to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2010 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by David Meloy, seconded by Caren Luke to approve for payment monthly bills totaling \$4,962.91. Motion Carried. Caren Luke and Tom Spread signed the Schedule of Bills by Fund.

Credit Card Expenses - It was moved by Caren Luke, seconded by Jan Henderson to approve for payment monthly credit card expenses totaling \$20.29. Motion carried. Caren Luke and Tom Spread signed the Monthly Log of Credit Card Expenditures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: Jan Henderson reported.

1) A donation of a signature Quilt from Lola Higgerson's retirement from Heinz, a box of photos and Heinz history information was received.

2) Roy J. and Patricia Carver, Jr. donated eight documents for the Blackwell Mansion.

Building & Grounds: Tom Spread reported for Mark Huddleston.

- 1) **Jayne house property** – BMW worked on wall cap this week. Yard seeding is completed and will require watering due to the lack of rain.
- 2) **Sidewalk** – Sidewalk work will not be completed until fall.
- 3) **Light pole** in side backyard repaired.
- 4) **Garage Roof Shingling** - Work begun on shingling the garage located in the parking lot.

Finance & Budget: Caren Luke

- 1) **Financials** – The monthly financials for July and August and the end of year financial reports reviewed.
- 2) **Eckhardt Trust** papers signed by Barb Christensen. Court approved distribution and termination of the trust. The Support Foundation to receive approximately \$185,000.
- 3) **Louis E. and Ruth K. Eisner Trust** gifted \$500.00 to the Art Center.
- 4) **Louis E. Eisner Estate** gifted \$1,000.00 to the Art Center. Louis Eisner was a long-time supporter of the Art Center.

Long Range Planning: No report.

Personnel: No report.

Program/Publicity: Tom Spread reported for Mark Huddleston

- 1) **Civil War show** – A \$53,000 grant request submitted to the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust.
- 2) **Sunday with Santa** on November 14, 2010, from 1:00 – 5:00 pm.
- 3) **The Friends Festival of Wreaths** in the mansion on Saturday, November 20, 2010, from 6:00 – 8:30 PM.
- 4) **Halloween at the Y** is a safe, indoor trick or treat family event for all children 12 and under on Friday, October 29, 2010, from 5:00 – 6:30 PM and 7:00 – 8:30 PM. The Art Center staff will participate in this event.
- 5) **Crazy Quilt article** published in the Muscatine Journal picked up by the Associated Press generated a lot of interest.
- 6) **Muscatine Book and Postcards** - The book and postcard packets will be available for purchase at the Sunday with Santa event. Kristin McHugh-Johnston will also be available for a book signing.
- 7) **Richard and Sandy Toye Reception** – A reception for the Toyes in conjunction with an exhibit of the Toyes' gifts to the Art Center will be held before the end of the year.

Directors Report: Attached for review.

Program Coordinator Report: Attached for review.

Unfinished Business: Tom Spread reported.

- 1) **"Revised" 2010-2011 Committee Assignment** list distributed at the meeting.

New Business: Tom Spread reported.

The Executor of the **Estate of Sarah Gilmore King Wilmer** (Granddaughter of Richard Drew and Sarah Musser) contacted the Art Center. The Art Center is the recipient of a bequest from the estate of at least 12 pieces of art, one of which is the portrait of Peter Musser hanging in the front room alongside Laura. The other gifted pieces are:

Tricotcuse Assise – Vincent Van Gough
Head of a Girl – Henry Matisse
L'Echec Jere – Pablo Picasso
Nude Seated before a Curtain – Pablo Picasso
Sculpture and Model before a Window
Fleurs – Pablo Picasso
All sketches of landscapes, women and children by Renoir
La Mijouree – George Roualt
House on the Corner – Vlaminck
Le Jardin des Tuileries – Vuillard
Place a Cagnes – Raoul Dufy

ADJOURN: There being no further business, it was moved by Caren Luke, seconded by David Meloy that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Henderson, Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of September 2010
October 21, 2010

Total number of visitors for September 2010
2134

Total number of visitors for September 2009
1426

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2010
23998

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009
14533

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of September)

March 14, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Springs Sprockets & Pulleys

June 26, 2010 – September 2010

The Art of David Hockney from the collection of Robert Reinsager

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – October)

March 14, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Springs Sprockets & Pulleys

October 1, 2010 – October 31, 2010

Muscatine County 4-H exhibit

OTHER

September 6,

Closed for the Holiday

September 8

University Club Tour

September 9

Journal interview of Janet Kindler

Friends of the Muscatine Art Center Board meeting.

September 14

Tour: Out and About Seniors

September 16,

Muscatine Art Center Board of Trustees meeting

September 17,

Rehearsal McCarthy Wedding

Photos for Salon Incognito

September 18,

McCarthy Wedding

September 20,

Fire Department meeting with Security Company

September 23

United Way Board Meeting

September 25,

Wedding Photos in Japanese Garden and House

September 28,

Cub Scout Tour

DSCI Outreach in the Studio

ACQUISITIONS

Misc Muscatine Ephemera /advertising, gift of Jacqueline R. Schenkel

16 CD & M Railway date nails, gift of Bill Lindsay

Muscatine Burlington & Southern Railway Depot, watercolor, gift of Bill Lindsay

Old Railway Depot, watercolor, gift of Bill Lindsay

Hand-blown glass ship Christmas ornament, gift of Bill and Suzanne Liegois

3 large Oriental rugs, gift of Doug Cocklin

23 Muscatine Historic Postcards, gift of Joni Axel

Two Chautauqua programs from 1913, gift of Gary Moody

Three CD's of Calliope music, gift of Brian Walter

Eight Documents pertaining to the Blackwell Mansion: - gift of Roy J and Patricia Carver, Jr.

1899 Auditor's Statement

1891 Mortgage

1900 Warranty Deed of Sale

1891 Warranty Deed of Sale

1938 Sewer Easement

88-91 22 page Complaint of foreclosure

1839-1900 Abstract of title

1900 Bill of sale

40 Ceramic Christmas Village buildings, gift of Janice K Frantz Family

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen

Director