

AMAC meeting Minutes for July 13, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM
Arts West
132 West State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

In Attendance: Chelsa Morahan, Emily Beveridge, Andrew Chiki, Josh Birnbaum, Kelee Riesbeck, Holly Ittel, Beth Braun, Andrea Baird, Katherine Ann Jordan

I. Call to Order and legislative updates: Andrew Chiki & Jeff Risner

Percent for Arts for the fire station has been in discussion with all those who are involved in planning and everyone is supportive. The intent is to do something outdoor and tangible and grand.

II. Minutes from May 11, 2022 for approval

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: **PASSED**

III. Arts West / Arts of APRD Update: Emily Beveridge & Katherine Ann Jordan

ARTS West successfully launched its first play production, *Fun Home*. Made about \$16,000 in proceeds and it was a great show. They plan to do more play productions in the future!

There's a show currently in Arts West gallery by Katie McArthur from the Athens Photo Project. The AMAC show is up at the community center gallery. Arts West has started Crafternoon classes through end of summer. One program coordinator from Arts West will go to a Theater conference in Los Angeles. Emily has submitted for a few grants to fund this and a few other staff development opportunities.

APRD board: Chelsa has been in touch with Brandon Thompson, the chair of the Arts, Park and Recreation board, to talk about how we can connect as boards and collaborate, whether it be yearly or quarterly, whatever is feasible as two volunteer boards. Perhaps instead of an additional meeting, the boards choose to meet together for one month? At the very least, the boards could share minutes. We can start by sending our minutes to Brandon.

Katherine met with Patty at Passionworks and there have been conversations about Passionworks murals at the pool and community center.

IV. Ongoing Public Projects:

a. Art Outside the Box - Round 4: Holly Ittel

The jury met and selected images. They selected top 10 and 5 alternates. A few have historical components. Josh will help with upscaling of files and prepping for print.

MOTION TO APPROVE TOP 10 AND 5 ALTERNATES: **PASSED**

Next step is approval by the mayor and then getting paperwork from artists.

- b. New Fire Headquarters Percent for Art Opportunity: Chelsa Morahan
Percent for the arts funds are available and AMAC wants something big and fun. More info when we know where the location will be. The biggest hurdle for financing is done, and the city has a good credit rating, so it will make the process easier. We will have an ad hoc committee most likely to help assist city and designers. What projects can AMAC find that are interactive projects that involve the public?
- V. Ongoing Commission Business:
- a. Athens Community Arts & Music Festival
Kelee met with Scott and they discussed backstage shelter for shade. Scott met with Andrew and parking is worked out for loading and vendors. Bands are almost done being booked. He is trying to figure out how to decorate the stage with Athens flair. Looking into having someone do ASL but will need a donor to support this. The university has a program that can offer support to this component as well. Talcon Quinn is making final art vendor booth confirmations. AMAC will have a booth too, so let Chelsa know if you want to help out.
 - b. 20th AMAC Celebration + Third Thursdays Musical Parks
This month's event will be from 6-8pm at West State Street park (if it rains it will be at Arts West). They are scouting the location. A granting organization, Arts Midwest, has a gig fund that would support events from December to June and it's \$4000. Perhaps next year events could go from May to September. AMAC would like to continue helping to plan this event. It should be about \$1,000 per show for sound and with other costs, would be about \$10,000 for 5 shows. Other events went well in May and June, despite heat. Food trucks did show up.
 - c. Poet Laureate 2023
Chelsa has an ad hoc committee set up and they will meet in the next few weeks to update the call and get that out by mid-August. They are planning to keep it open until the end of October. They will review candidates in November, and get them chosen and approved so they can start on Jan. 1, 2023.
 - d. New Commissioners Needed

We still have two vacancies on AMAC, and we will have three more soon. AMAC should do a better job of marketing to other communities. Could AMAC advertise on social media? Andrew created a formal application to join boards and commissions and a process for approval. It could be a campaign (more than just a simple post). It would be great to have more folks from the community. Kelly will have content for Andrew and Scott to post. A photo of an AMAC commissioner doing a project (Beth working on the community mural!) or images of traffic boxes would be excellent. We want to present AMAC as doers and hosts of cool arts endeavors and events.

VI. Commission Action Items:

Google Account for Commissioners

AMAC commissioners now have a Google account. Chelsa will put her resources on this account and retiring members should too. Every commissioner will need access.

VII. Announcements and other business

Governor's Arts Awards is open for 2023. Submissions due August 23. Chelsa will reach out to the OAC to see if they can roll over our application or if we should resubmit.

Skate Jam is on August 27. A new addition will be a resource fair for non-profits: Stuarts, JFS, the Hive, Resiliency Center, maybe Prism. Any organizations that are like-minded are welcome, and the fair is intended to expose people to resources. The organizers (Sojourners) will need about 35 more volunteers. In the future they would like to do a mini-film festival as well.

JW Smith has an event at Stuart's and they'd like to make it free. They want to do a fundraiser to raise \$1000 to pay the artists.

VIII. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN: **PASSED**

Next Meeting: August 10, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts West