

Murray Arts Advisory Board
Minutes for Nov. 21, 2017

Attendance: Deborah Daines, Carolyn Milne, Clark Bullen, Michael Wall, Becca Spjute, Mary Ann Kirk (staff), Lori Edmunds (staff)
Excused: Wendy Richhart

1. Minutes for October 17 were approved as written.

2. Past month events included the following:

- Resident on Display artist for November was Tiffany Daines
- The first Film Festival was held on October 28th at the Murray Theater, at 1 and 4pm. Students from Mr. Moffitt, Murray High Schools film teacher, provided us with 15 films. There were 108 people that attended the event
- The Haunted Tales event was held at the Murray City Library on October 30. There were 101 entries from local elementary schools, with 22 winners. Lori Steadman and Sue Rancock were the judges.
- The annual Juried Art show for adults started on Nov. 3 and ended with a reception on November 20 with a total of 43 attending, and approximately 750 viewers of the show. There were 34 artists (7 professionals, and 27 amateurs) with 58 pieces of art with a total of 29 winners. The art board has asked to purchase Ruth Johnson's sunflower picture which was a graphic/pencil to add to the City art collection.
- The Murray Symphony held a performance at Hillcrest Jr. High on October 28. They had attendance of 237. The Murray Concert Band's concert was on November 4th with 160 patrons in attendance.
- There was a community meeting at the Old Historic Murray Theater on Wednesday, November 15 at 4 and 7 pm. Different art groups and stakeholders were invited by architects Rob Pett and Kevin Zandberg of MISA Architecture and Interior Design, to discuss the future uses of the theater. The 4:00pm group felt the theater should be refurbished to accommodate a variety of outside groups, while the 7pm group preferred the City restore the building with Murray arts groups needs in mind, and then rent out to those that could use the space as designed.
- Murray Advisory Board grants for 2018-19 were sent to the following groups: Murray School District, Murray Symphony, Murray Concert Band, Murray Arts Council and Clever Octopus. The applications are due January 8th.
- Lori Edmunds met with Kristen Davis (Murray School District Community Education Specialist) and building scheduler, Rod Pace (Murray School District facility manager), and Heather Wilks (Hillcrest Jr. High School head custodian) to discuss issues of miscommunication and policy problems happening with Murray Symphony and Murray Concert band rentals. It was decided that Heather, Lori and Kristin would meet at Hillcrest Junior High to iron out the problems and address the questions that have arisen.

3. Upcoming Activities for the month are:

- *Missoula Children's Theater* starting on November 27 – December 2 with two performances on Saturday the 2nd. One at 1pm and the other at 4 pm.
- Murray High School will perform Broadway Revue January 10-12, 2018.
- Cottonwood High School will perform their Broadway Revue January 24-29, 2018.

- Martin Luther King performance is set for January 15th at 7pm. There is no charge.
- Manuscripts for the biennial literary competition are due by 5pm on February 13th, 2018 at the parks office. Submissions can be for Children's Picture Book, Children/Youth Chapter Book, Poetry, Short Story, Personal Narrative, or Novel.

4. The RFP for next year's float was awarded to David Breitenbeker. The Days of 47 theme this year is "*Pioneer Days, Foundation for the Future.*" The board discussed options on how to display "foundations" and Lori will check with David and get his ideas as well. More will be discussed in January.
5. Lori Edmunds spoke with Melissa Hamilton, Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning at Murray School District, to ask about the requirements and backgrounds for each music specialist that is hired for the elementary schools. She reported that only three specialists had responded, but that all three of those hired were well suited for the job and shared with us their backgrounds in the music field. She also shared her vision for art integration in the future which is to focus on two schools this year by making them "STEM schools." This means there will be funding needs for both professional training and for infrastructure improvements. She then wants to seek grants/funding to integrate art into that equation and make them a "*STEAM school.*"
6. Mary Ann updated the board on the USOE's (Utah State Office of Education) decision to reconsidered removing the arts, PE., and several other subjects as "core classes" and designate them as electives. She attended the subcommittee meeting where they discussed the issue and the subcommittee recommended removing the words "core" and "units" from ALL subject areas and requiring at least 1 "course" in the arts (music, dance, theater, visual arts, film) during grades 7-8. Districts could increase that requirement based on local input. A course could be a full year or half year as designed by each district. She felt it was a good compromise.
7. Afterschool Musical and Storytelling Residency schedules were passed out to the board.
8. The 2018 meeting schedule was agreed upon as follows:
Jan 16, Feb 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 16, Aug 21, Sept 18, Oct 16, & Nov 20
Kevin made a motion to formally adopt these dates and Wendy seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.
9. The 2018 Summer Season was discussed and at this point is as follows:
 - June 9 – Opening concert – *Michael Chipman* and *Octopella* were suggested
 - June 21 – 27 – The Murray Arts Council will be producing *Thoroughly Modern Millie*
 - June 30 the Murray Concert Band
 - July 7 Murray Symphony
 - July 13-14 will be the ballet
 - July 26 – August 1, will be *Into the Woods*
 - August 10 – 18 *Annie* (rights are being requested)
 - August 25 – another concert Acapella, oldies,
 - September - IAMA Acoustic Concert
10. Next meeting will be on January 16, 2018