

The Murray Arts Advisory Board  
Minutes for September 14, 2021

Attendance: Matt Jacobson, Haley Oliphant; Clark Bullen, Christy Anderson, Jeff Evans, Peter Klinge, Nancy Buist  
Staff: Katie Lindquist, Lori Edmunds, Kim Sorenson  
Excused: Cami Munk

I. The minutes for June 15, and July 13, 2021 were voted on as written with spelling adjustments.

II. There were no citizen comments.

III. Board Reports:

Matt told the board that he enjoyed volunteering at the amphitheater and encouraged the other board members to volunteer when they can.

Peter gave an update on his volunteer work as a ZAP (Zoo, Arts, and Parks) Tier I board member, which is a program facilitate by Salt Lake County. He explained that every 10 years since 1997, Salt Lake County residents have voted to allow one penny of every \$10 of county-collected sales tax to support arts, cultural, and recreational programs. Then through an annual grant cycle, disburses funding to two tier levels. According to the overall operational budget, Murray City Cultural Arts is in Tier II. Peter is serving on the Tier I board of which there are 25 applicants, and he will be lead researcher Loveland Living Planet Aquarium, Hogle Zoo, Natural History Museum, and the Salt Lake Arts Council.

Clark wanted to know how Murray City applied for funding with ZAP and if the museum could apply for funding. Lori explained that the cultural arts budget monies include line items for the museum and that the Utah Department of Community and Culture has within its sub-departments i.e., the Utah Humanities department that offer grants specifically for museums. She said that every other year there is a CLG (Certified Local Governments) grant that is available specifically for history projects. Lori told the board that due to the stewardship of her predecessor Mary Ann Kirk; Murray City is on the high end of the funding spectrum of Tier II. Peter suggested that perhaps when the theater is up and running, we may be up into the Tier II group.

Lori introduced our new board member Robert Wyss. He said that his profession is in chemical and industrial engineering but has always loved the sound aspect of performances and at present works as the technical director of One Voice Children's Choir.

IV. Staff reports –

a. Resident on Display

i. City Hall- Sandra Williams who does paintings are mostly watercolor landscapes. Katie told the board that as soon as we get the permission from

the library, after one month of Resident on Display at City Hall, we will take the art and put it over at the library for another month. In October, Dustin Lewis will be the artist which will be Halloween themed 3-D mixed media. Dustin is also a board member of the library board. Matt reminded us that the Juried Art show will resume its place for viewing at the library. Katie reported the dates as October 26 for submissions and open to the public from October 27 – November 17 and that there will not be a need for volunteers to watch the art in the library.

- ii. Summer Series Report –Lori reported that the summer series was very successful and better than she thought it would be. She showed the board the number of patrons and reported a couple of rainouts towards the end of the season in September. There were 7711 patrons served. She reported that we made a profit on concessions. Clark asked about the season ticket numbers and Lori said that she had not offered season tickets and decided not to for the winter series as most of the winter series revolves around the two High Schools' productions. She said the High Schools are not consistent with their plays and musicals and we have had a fair number of problems with them in years past. Lori also explained that ticket sales for the amphitheater were not available as we were still receiving monies in from the park's office sales, the box office sales, and from online sales. She reported that halfway through Shrek she had added selling at the box office through the Sportsman which is a point-of-sale software program. Lori said that online ticket sales outnumbered the other two purchasing options except with the IMAGINE concert where patrons still preferred to use cash at the box office.

## V. Business

- a. Lori reported that the musical for June will be Matilda directed by Candy Tippets who was the director of Little Mermaid. The July show will be done by Murray Arts Council, and in August, a new director referred by Clark will direct "Crazy for You". Her name is Liz Christensen. Jeff asked if there would be 3 musicals next year and Lori said yes. Lori said that she would like to have One Voice Children's Choir and said that the ballet is unable to join us next year but has asked the Celtic group to return. She said she will invite Clayton Smalley back as he was one of the rain outs and Jenny Oaks Baker will be back as well.
- b. Arts Education – Lori told the board that was her and Katie's focus right now and had them refer to the arts menu that Katie had prepared. Lori said she has sent the menu to all the principals in Murray City and has only heard back from one thus far that wants to have an after school musical. Haley and Christy said that they are working together with Katie to provide literary workshops for students for the Haunted Tales contest. They would like to provide workshops on Saturdays or after school and provide tools and helps for those who are interested. Lori said she will ask for permission from Granite School District to take flyers into Twin Peaks and Woodstock Elementary schools. Katie said she will contact the communications officer at Murray School District and have them post the flyer on Peach Jar which is an online forum for parents.

VI. Other – there was no other items to discuss, and Peter adjourned the meeting until October 12, 2021.