

**ART WORK SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**McHenry County Administration Building**  
**667 Ware Road**  
**Woodstock IL 60098**

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Gilman at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present: Ann Gilman; Virginia Peschke; and Rick Klasen. Tina Hill arrived at 8:35a.m. Pete Merkel was absent. Also in attendance: John Hadley, Building Operations; Sue Stelford and Peter Benkendorf, Art Coordinators.

Ann Gilman, Chairman	
Tina Hill	Rick Klasen
Pete Merkel	Virginia Peschke

MINUTES

Committee members viewed the minutes of November 4 2005. Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Msr. Peschke to approve the minutes of November 4, 2005 as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Ms. Hill arrived at 8:35a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

*Art for the Government Center – continued discussion:* Ms. Sue Stelford and Mr. Peter Benkendorf, Art Coordinators, joined committee members for ongoing business of the committee. Committee members were informed that a press release had been published in the Crystal Lake Lifestyles and The Woodstock Independent. The press release highlighted the donation received from Mr. Jon Stout. Ms. Stelford informed committee members that the artwork that was brought over to the Administration building from the Courthouse has been hung. She thanked Mr. Hadley for the staff that helped with the process. Mr. Benkendorf provided name tags for each piece. The tags include the name and city of the artist, the title of the piece, date, medium used and whether the piece was donated or purchased. Ms. Stelford stated that some of the employees were very vocal about the pieces. One piece in particular, no one seemed to like. Committee members stated that even if a piece is not liked, it should be hung somewhere. Committee members suggested the piece be hung back on the third floor of the courthouse. Ms. Stelford presented committee members with copies of a couple pieces for suggested purchase by Jurita Mektey. They were paintings of the Woodstock Opera house and old Courthouse. She stated that the price for each piece is \$400, which includes framing. Chairman Gilman questioned whether the artist has prints available of her pieces. She stated that people may be interested in obtaining a print of the piece of art. She stated that she should also consider placing this artwork on a calendar. Committee members stated this would be a good idea for a fund raising project for the committee. It was suggested that this artist consider doing additional works of McHenry County historic buildings/landmarks like the prints that are in the hallway. Committee members were informed that the musical entertainment has been taken care of for the county employees Christmas party. Singing will be provided by the Dickens Carolers and the Northwood Middle School Choir. The revised criteria of the Sub-Committee was reviewed which included positive criteria. The Art Coordinator proposal was reviewed with the committee. Ms. Peschke left committee at 8:48a.m. The Employee Calendar of Events was reviewed with committee members. They questioned whether these events could take place in the County Board Room. It was suggested that one of the large committee rooms be scheduled for these events. It was noted that these employee events will take place during employee lunch so employees can attend. Some afternoon receptions will be held as well. The Art Coordinators questioned how to let the employees know of these events and the employee art exhibition. They questioned whether this event would be for just employees or whether family members could provide a piece of art as well. Committee members noted this event is for employee art pieces only. It was suggested that a county wide email be sent out and circulars be placed with county paychecks advertising these events. It was also suggested that flyers be placed in the lunch rooms and in each department, with the okay of the department head. Committee members suggested Ms. Stelford meet with Mr. Austin for notification to the Department Heads and placement in the paychecks. Mr. Benkendorf provided a budget for the \$26,000 for the committee. Committee members noted the need for some fund raising to keep the project going beyond the first year. Ms. Hill stated she would show the Management Services Committee, as this committee is a sub committee of Management Services, the proposed arts budget. It was noted that some money is received from the vending machines but additional funds are needed as well. Mr. Hadley informed committee members that the cost of the art work hanging system and supplies would be \$897.25. He noted this is for the click rail system. Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill to recommend the artwork hanging system and

supplies be purchased for an amount of \$897.25, plus shipping costs if needed. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

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Mr. Benkendorf stated he has three suggestions for the committee. He stated the McHenry County Photography exhibit will be taken down at the end of December and suggested an exhibit of these pieces. He stated the exhibit consists of 14 images. Committee members questioned whether the above purchase included the panels. Mr. Hadley stated it did not include the panels and each panel costs \$189.99 + shipping. Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill to recommend Mr. Hadley purchase the above art panels as discussed. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote. Mr. Benkendorf suggested that book marks be purchased for the employee shows. He also suggested a self portrait project workshop be presented with participation by the County Board Members. He stated that area libraries are currently holding this type of project. Lynn Carlson currently teaches about self portrait techniques. It was suggested that this project be held prior to a County Board Meeting. Committee members suggested that the County Board Members be informed of this project during the County Board Christmas Dinner. Chairman Gilman stated that she would not be available the last two weeks in February and first week of March. Mr. Benkendorf suggested a non-artist provide a self portrait to show what this project involves. They suggested Chairman Gilman provide a self portrait, which she agreed to do. A brochure was provided regarding this project. Committee members requested that additional brochures be provided for all of the County Board members. Chairman Gilman requested the Art Coordinator continue pursuing the purchase of additional artwork for the County. The next meeting date has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2006 at 8:30a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klasen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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