

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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Gilman at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present: Ann Gilman; Tina Hill and John Jung. Virginia Peschke was absent. Also in attendance: Sue Stelford, Art Coordinator.

Ann Gilman, Chairman	
Tina Hill	John Jung, Jr.
Vacant	Virginia Peschke

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 13, 2006 and September 14, 2006 meetings were reviewed. Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung to recommend approval of the committee minutes of July 13th and September 14th as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Art Donations: Ms. Stelford introduced Debra Virgens to the Committee. Ms. Virgens provided background information to the embossed "Gus" that she is donating to the County. She noted she is currently taking a second class in printmaking at MCC which highlights lines, forms and shadows. The Committee acknowledged Ms. Virgens' with a "Certificate of Appreciation."

OLD BUSINESS

Art for the Government Center – continued discussion: Committee members entered into a continued discussion regarding the Art projects. Ms. Stelford noted that the county art collection is creating quite a "buzz". Word has gotten out regarding the various pieces the county has received. Ms. Stelford presented a small picture of the piece that was commissioned by Ms. Gilman. Committee members were pleased with the work by Ms. Mekte. Committee members noted the need for any artwork donation request must go through the Art Coordinator.

Ms. Hill informed committee members that because of limited space in the county buildings, there was some discussion in the Management Services Committee about taking a portion of the employee lounge for use to store election equipment. Committee members noted that the mural for the employee lounge will be on panels with the ability to move the piece and dividing of the room will not create a problem.

Ms. Stelford presented committee members with an application for mural arts project from Mark Arctander. Mr. Arctander will use college students to help with the project. He will pay the selected students a stipend for working on the project. The project will depict various pertinent relevant persons, architecture, industries, etc and the issues of diversity in terms of ethnicity and the challenge of disabilities. Ms. Stelford noted that she is trying to obtain some grant funding from the HRC (Human Relations Council) for this project. Other grant avenues will be researched as well. She stated she would write to the Illinois Arts Council for funding as well. After review of the mural project application, Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung to approve payment for the Mural Arts Project, not to exceed \$3,800. to Mr. Mark Arctander. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Committee members reviewed the Gallery exhibit schedule that includes the history of the Arts Projects Sub-Committee programs and proposed plans for the coming year. Ms. Stelford noted that she has been getting great feedback regarding the art program. Ms. Stelford presented committee members with the schedule for the upcoming SOFA (Sculpture Objects & Functional Art Exposition) program that will take place on November 10th – 12th at Navy Pier. Ms. Stelford questioned committee members whether they would still be interested in attending this program. Committee members stated they would like to attend the Friday exposition with Ms. Gilman agreeing to drive for those interested in riding with her. Mr. Jung stated he would meet the other committee members at the exposition.

Ms. Stelford informed committee members that she would be meeting with Mr. Clint Grabow on the 14th at 3:30p.m. regarding work on a small mural project.

Ms. Stelford presented committee members with a resume for Andrea Lily, who is interested in becoming Ms. Stelford's assistant. Ms. Stelford noted she would be a co-coordinator for the Artwork Sub-Committee. Ms. Stelford noted that Ms. Lily is happy to join her on this project and may be able to create a quarterly news letter regarding the Art Sub-Committee program. Committee members questioned whether there is enough funding in the budget to pay the coordinators for the upcoming year. Ms. Stelford noted there were enough funds for payment. Committee members requested an update on the budget at the next committee meeting.

Committee members suggested that the employee "screen savers" be the art collection located throughout the buildings. Ms. Gilman stated she would speak to Mr. Austin and Mr. Sullivan about this possibility.

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Ms. Hill informed committee members that there is a person who is interested in making a donation of several paintings to the Valley Hi Nursing Home. Committee members requested Ms. Stelford contact Ms. Zierer regarding this donation. They suggested Ms. Stelford offer her services to oversee artwork donated to the county.

Committee members noted concern regarding some missing artwork from the hall of the Administration Building. They noted that the artwork has been placed in the Public Defender's office. They noted that the artwork should not be removed from the halls by employees. Movement of the artwork should be handled by the Artwork Sub-Committee Art Coordinator. Committee Chairman Gilman stated she would contact the Administrator regarding their concerns. Committee members questioned whether a policy would need to be created regarding who should be allowed to move the artwork. They stated they would hate to create another policy, but, this may be needed in the future.

Committee members were informed that the Auditor would be completing an audit of the County Artwork.

Committee members questioned whether additional members would be appointed to the committee. Committee members stated they should wait until after the election to see if any of the new members would be interested in joining the committee.

Committee members questioned whether a memorial would be erected for Mr. Klasen. They stated that Mr. Klasen always wanted to see some kind of fountain or sculpture in the courtyard of the Government Center. They noted that they may be able to dedicate a fountain in the future to Mr. Klasen.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, The Committee adjourned 9:18 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Jung.

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