

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

MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Gilman at 8:35 a.m. The following members were present: Ann Gilman; John Jung, Virginia Peschke; Tina Hill and Rick Klasen. Also in attendance: Sue Stelford, Art Coordinator.

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

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the committee minutes from June 8, 2006. Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung to recommend approval of the committee minutes from June 8, 2006 as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Art for the Government Center – continued discussion: Committee members entered into a continued discussion regarding the Art projects. Committee members welcomed Ms. Sue Dobbe, President of Dobbe Marketing. Ms. Dobbe presented to committee members to present an art show, that depicts different pictures of the 911 disaster. She noted that they would like to use these prints to bring awareness to the pandemic flu possibilities in the future. She noted that they would like to get the community to take responsibility for emergency preparedness. She noted these prints inspire the public to take action on their own. Committee members thanked Ms. Dobbe for her presentation.

Ms. Stelford presented committee members with various art exhibitions that will be taking place in the near future. She noted one show, Sculpture Objects & Functions Art Exposition (S.O.F.A.) that will take place in November. She suggested attendance by the committee as a group. Chairman Gilman stated she would speak to Administration about admission costs.

Committee members entered into a discussion regarding the placement of an art display as requested by Ms. Dobbe. Committee members stated they did not like the idea of promoting the 911 disaster as a way to learn about the possible flu pandemic. They noted that this pushes hysteria and did not feel this was a way to promote awareness of the flu. Committee members stated that all future requests should go through the art director.

Ms. Stelford provided committee members information on possible grants for the sub-committee. She noted that these forms are very lengthy and complicated. She stated that she would forward the applications when completed.

Ms. Stelford informed committee members that the applications for the mural project have went out. She noted that she has spoken to the majority of the applicants regarding the project.

Ms. Stelford presented to committee members and update of the project summary.

Ms. Stelford stated she would like to tour the government center to look at future placement of artwork when the construction project has been completed. Committee members noted they would also like to look at the courtyard area for possible placement of a large sculpture. Committee members agreed to take a tour of the facility after completion of today's meeting.

Committee members questioned whether a portion of the Valley Hi building budget included funds to purchase artwork for the facility. They noted they would research this issue.

Ms. Stelford noted that at the next meeting she would provide committee members with an updated inventory list as well as a calendar that shows future gallery shows.

Ms. Stelford presented the artwork commissioned by Senator Althoff of the Landmark School in McHenry. She noted this is the fifth piece of work by the same artist. Chairman Gilman stated that she met with the artist regarding the commissioning a piece of work from Marengo. She noted that they have chosen the piece to be commissioned. Committee members suggested Senator Althoff attends the Morning County Board meeting in August for presentation to the County Board. Committee members requested Ms. Stelford attend the meeting for presentation of new art acquisitions to the County Board.

Ms. Stelford informed committee members that Ms. Janelle Crowley is donating a display case to the County for the display of art sculptures. She noted that Mr. Hadley has informed her that their department does not have the tools to build a display case. Committee members suggested she look at garage sales for other possible display case purchases.

Ms. Stelford noted that she is looking for new artist in the area for additional acquisitions.

Ms. Stelford questioned committee members if they would like to name the gallery space located in the Administration Building. She noted that we may be able to get a corporate sponsor with a donation coming from the sponsor. Committee members noted that the "gallery" belongs to the whole county and the name should be very generic. Committee members suggested the McHenry County Gallery.

Ms. Stelford informed committee members that she needs to hire help to help her with the duties of Art Coordinator. Committee members stated that she has permission to hire help as needed.

Ms. Stelford stated that she joined Costco as suggested by the committee. Ms. Stelford suggested a future project include a "taste of McHenry County". She noted that any event with food draws a large crowd.

Ms. Stelford informed committee members that she would be out of town for the next scheduled meeting. Committee members agreed to cancel the artwork sub committee meeting scheduled for August 10th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, The Committee adjourned on a motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Klasen at 9:28 a.m.

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