

## MINUTES OF THE GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chair, Sandra Brown at 4:00 pm on March 23rd.

Commissioners present: Andrews, Brown, Castleberry, Hemmerich, Leinaweaver, and Sanders. ~~Friedas~~

Guests present: new appointee - Jeannie Kilgore, Lyn Dodd, Michael Smedley and Vic Crumbaker.

Cassie moved the minutes from the February meeting be approved as corrected....Ann seconded.

### REPORTS

#### - Business in the Arts -

Richard noted there were a few nominations trickling in. He said he will publicize all the nominees. There was some concern that the big supporters like Norwest and Target, were not nominated as yet. After March 31st, the committee will meet with the Mayor. By mid-May the winner will be declared. Richard will be writing a letter to Reford.

#### - After School Arts Program -

Michael Smedley reported that all 3 schools are in process or have completed their Art After School Programs. Over 400 people were at Nisley's Open House on March 22nd.

#### - Missoula Children's Theatre -

Phil reminded the commission that we agreed to sponsor this group for \$500.00. He met with the owner of the DooZoo and they agreed to co-sponsor them and open a separate account for ticket sale monies. No one else seems willing to help underwrite. DooZoo is not willing to absorb any losses that may occur. Phil asked if we had any suggestions as to any other businesses who could underwrite this. He reviewed their budget (which is almost 3200.00). RMS will provide rehearsal space and hold workshops there. Dates of performances are the 1st weekend of October.

~~Ann~~ Sandra made a motion that we underwrite this theatre project for ~~an additional \$500.00~~ and absorb up to \$500.00 in losses.

Richard seconded, motion passed. Phil said he would communicate this information to the DooZoo people.

#### - Just a Bunch of Artists -

Michael said JABOA has a few things they want the commission to be involved in; future workshops and a downtown festival.

#### - Avalon -

Paula brought up the second letter from the Avalon Board requesting approximately \$1500.00 for the theatre consultant's fee and expenses. Ann suggested we table any motions for paying the fee for Joan Madison until we get a detailed expense report from Mr. Gormley. Sandra and Phil went to the public meeting on Mon. March 21st with the Avalon Board and Joan Madison.

- WCCA -

Cassie offered to be a representative with WCCA and to go to their meetings once a month (2nd Thurs. at 7:00 am). Phil commented on how much better the new signage looks.

- Summer Arts Festival -

Ursula met with the 3 representatives of this annual festival. Ann suggested that the person who could head this off should allow him(or her)self a salary. Ursula said they needed to know right away whether people were going to support this endeavor. It seems like the people behind this are lacking the passion to make it happen and Ann moved that we regretfully deny their request for personnel and financial support for the Grand West. Cassie seconded. Motion passed.

- Staff Person -

We looked at the draft for Cultural Arts Co-ordinator...and some thought we need to amend it as we see fit. Sandra discussed it further. We all generally agreed that we want to be participants in the hiring of this person. Cassie moved that the chairperson form a subcommittee to go over the draft - changing it to specifically fit our needs. Richard didn't think it needed any changes presently except for receiving supervision from the Arts Commission. April 4th at 7:00 pm is the next City Council meeting. Cassie urged more of us to show up more often at these.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Sandra wants to hold new member orientation before our Apr. 27th meeting. She set Apr.13th at 4:00 for an orientation meeting.

Sandra thought she and Alison Sarmo could co-chair a subcommittee on the Strategic Cultural Planning.

Lake City - April 30th - will be the Spring CCCAC Meeting. Lyn Dodd will be driving to Lake City...looking for commission members to attend. Cassie moved that we renew our membership in CCCAC, Richard seconded.

Cassie moved to adjourn and Phil seconded.

Next regular meeting, to honor Ann, Vic and Michael, will be on April 27, 1994 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Andrews