

Colorado Arts Consortium's 1996 or 1997 annual conference. She noted several ideas the Conference Committee discussed pertaining to possible entertainment, tours, dinners, etc. during the conference. Sarmo stated that neither the VCB nor the Chamber of Commerce will assist financially with the \$2000 necessary to bring the conference to Grand Junction. At the request of the chairman, Ivanov moved and Rogers seconded that the agenda be suspended in order to take action on this matter. The motion carried unanimously. Sanders moved and Killgore seconded that the Commission submit a proposal to host the CAC's 1996 conference in Grand Junction, with a letter stating that if the proposal is not accepted, the Commission would like to be considered in 1997. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Karen Kiefer said she has a copy of the Chamber's club list for reference purposes, and that *the Chamber After Hours* get together is at All Season's Spa this month.

SCHOOL BOARD: Jeanne Killgore reported attending part of the last School Board meeting and talking with Superintendent George Straface. Ann Sanders noted a meeting August 29 at 1:00 p.m. to promote discussion between Mesa State College and School District 51.

MURAL COMMITTEE: Leinaweaver presented an article about a mural project in a town in Washington. Letters to potentially affected building/business owners along Main and Fifth Streets downtown were reviewed and signed by the chairman. A press release about the mural project for the Downtown Development newsletter was also reviewed and approved. The consensus of the Commission is to appoint a Mural Task Force which includes local citizens and downtown building owners at the September Commission meeting.

GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS: The chairman opened the floor for nominations for the Governor's Award. Sanders nominated Bill Robinson for his work with the Mesa State College Theatre Department and Killgore nominated Dave Davis for establishing *Art on the Corner*. The chairman declared the nominations closed. The vote was as follows: Robinson - 5; Davis - 3. Bill Robinson will be the Commission's 1995 nominee. Sarmo will contact numerous people to write letters in support of the nomination.

MUSEUM OF WESTERN COLORADO: Sarmo presented a request from the Museum of Western Colorado to amend the contract between the Commission and the Museum to postpone the date of their Native American Arts Festival from October, 1995 to May, 1995. They received \$500 from the Commission in support of the event. After extensive discussion Rogers moved and Andrews seconded that the contract be amended as requested. The vote was as follows: 3 in favor; 3 opposed; 2 abstentions. The consensus of the Commission is to invite the Museum to speak to this issue at the next meeting. Sarmo was asked to find out the procedure for accepting money back and reallocating the funds. Chairman Leinaweaver left the meeting at this time and vice-chair Andrews then presided.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: The proposed budget for 1996-1997 was reviewed by the Commission. Possible new programs such as ArtReach (supplying tickets to

cultural events, classes, and programs to the underprivileged), a Grand Valley High School Theater Contest, and financial support for the *Art on the Corner* Arts and Crafts Festival were discussed. Sanders moved and Killgore seconded that all new programs be listed together in the budget under the heading "Special Programs", and that \$2000 be added to the allocation for "Conferences" in order to host the 1996 or 1997 CAC conference in Grand Junction. The motion carried unanimously. Killgore moved and Sanders seconded that the budget be approved as proposed and amended. The motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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