

Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture
Minutes
February 25, 1998

Commissioners Present: Seth Brown Jeanne Killgore
 Beth Buys Bill Reidy
 LeRoy Donegan Priscilla Rupp
 Karen Kiefer Dennis Woodrich
 Peter Ivanov

Others Present: (See presentations listed below)

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held on the above date. Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A motion was made by Woodrich, seconded by Reidy, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on January 28, 1998. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations were made to the Commission by the following organizations asking for financial assistance for various arts or cultural events, projects, or programs (requests in parentheses):

Western Colorado Watercolor Society (\$1500)-Lou Linn Cain, Shirley Dickinson, Mary Lou Bond

Thunder Mt. Camera Club (\$480) - Randy Pearce

Celtic Society (\$3,000) - Sharon Gordon and Gussie Kendall

Grand Valley Community Theatre (\$2,000) - Greg Mikolai

Grand Junction Senior Theatre (\$2,000) - Quentin Jones

Institute of Dancing Arts (\$1,500) - Diane East

Western Colorado Center for the Arts (\$1,000) - Joanna Joslin

Mesa State College (\$2,000) - Dr. Michael Baron

Valley Wide PTA (\$500) - Mary Krasnow and Vinje Lawson

Colorado West Performing Arts Center (\$1,250) - Trudy McCreanor

Colorado National Monument Association (\$1,500) - Diane Gallegos

Mesa Co. Valley School District 51 (\$12,000) - Linda Skinner

Advocates for Children's Enrichment (\$300) - Linda Skinner

Marsha Thomas Chamber Music Festival (\$1,000) - Don Everhart

Grand Junction Musical Arts Association (\$4,030) - Naomi Shepherd

Performing Arts Conservatory (\$1,800) - Rachel Nelson-Fortner

Mesa County Public Library (\$640) - Maxine Curley

Museum of Western Colorado (\$2,500) - Christine Leusch

No one was present to make a presentation for Very Special Arts Grand Junction (\$500).

Following the presentations, the Commission discussed the grant applications at length. A total of \$39,500 was requested from 20 groups, including a request from the Grand Junction Visitors and Convention Bureau and the Parks Department to donate \$400 toward the cost of leasing Two Rivers Convention Center for a free public concert by the U. S. Navy Sea Chanters Chorus March 18. An informal vote was taken on each application, with Commission members signifying either "yes" (to fund the proposal), "no" (not to fund the proposal), or "maybe" (undecided), or, in the case of conflicts of interest, various Commissioners abstaining from voting on specific applications. Following the informal poll and further discussion of the exact amounts of funding to donate to each project, the consensus of the Commission was to recommend to the City Council that the following grant awards be made for 1998, with \$20,000 approved in the Commission's 1998 budget for this purpose, plus \$5,000 from the Colorado Council on the Arts:

Full funding recommendations:

Performing Arts Conservatory "Quilters" musical production	\$1,800	
Western Colorado Watercolor Society National Juried Art Exhibit	\$1,500	
Institute of Dancing Arts Performances at area nursing homes	\$1,500	
Colorado West Performing Arts Dance Workshops in area schools		\$1,250
Western Colorado Center for the Arts Summer Art Camp program	\$1,000	
Friends of Mesa County Public Library District Hispanic storyteller	\$640	
Valley Wide PTA "Reflections" Student Art Exhibit	\$500	
Thunder Mt. Camera Club slide presentation equipment purchase	\$480	
VCB presentation of US Navy Sea Chanters concert at Two Rivers		\$400
Advocates for Children's Enrichment's Creede Repertory play	\$300	

Partial funding recommendations:

Mesa Co. Valley School Dist. 51 Art Experiences and Art Heritage	\$8,000	
GJ Musical Arts Association concert underwriting and composition	\$2,000	
Third Annual Celtic Festival and Highland Games	\$2,000	
Grand Valley Community Theatre play productions	\$1,000	
Grand Junction Senior Theatre Third Annual "Senior Follies"	\$1,000	
Mesa State College's Music at Mesa Artist Series pianist residency		\$1,000
Very Special Arts Day-long Festival for Disadvantaged Adults	<u>\$250</u>	
TOTAL		\$24,620

Not recommended for funding:

- Colorado National Monument Association sponsored nature field guide publication by Tope Elementary students (project too specific to only one school)
- Marsha Thomas Chamber Music Festival (adequate financing from other sources)
- Museum of Western Colorado Grand River Indian Gathering (adequate financing from other sources, already received \$4,000 in City funding from VCB for this event, and both the application and the final report were submitted late)

The Coordinator's Report for February and the end of the year Financial Report for 1997 were distributed. Because of School District 51's Spring Break the Commission's next meeting was changed to March 18 at 5:00 p.m. Kiefer and Rupp volunteered to present the Commission's slide presentation to the Lion's Club March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Two Rivers. The Coordinator will present the show to Rotary Club March 13 at noon, also at Two Rivers, and will update some of the slides beforehand.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo
Cultural Arts Coordinator