

Minutes of the regular meeting and work session of the Arts Council for the City of Winslow held on November 17, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, AZ.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sarah Smithson, Co-Chairperson
Marci Heavrin, Co-Chairperson
Ann Schmidt
Sam Conner
Todd Roth
Brittany Fischer – Student Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janet Fish
April Neill
Emmett Foster – Student Member

STAFF

Dale Patton, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. A motion to excuse the absent members was made by Ann Schmidt. The motion was seconded by Todd Roth and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 3, 2011 meeting

The minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented without objection.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

Work Session, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

A. Evaluation of the “Art is Autobiography” workshop, including any follow up necessary to those who donated, etc.

AWESOME! Positive comments. The workshop encouraged new artists and experienced artists to grow and improve. The Ads in the Scoop helped. The scholarships helped a lot of people attend who would not have otherwise been able to attend. A lot of positive comments have been received, not only from the participants but also from the artist. The Girl Scout House was the perfect venue for the workshop. The dinner at April’s home was great.

The things on which we can improve -- possibly reduce the cost of advertisement, decide ahead of time what will be covered in the fee for the artist, revisit the reception issue at the end of the workshop, have someone in charge of the workshop who is not enrolled in the workshop, need a budget approved in advance.

Further discussion – Redwing Nez, who was not able to attend, has asked for a refund. Although the advertisements indicated that refunds would not be given, since the full 18 student capacity of the workshop was filled, the Arts Council feels that it should refund the one enrollment cost. Marci moved to refund the cost of enrollment to Redwing Nez if we had sufficient proceeds to cover the expenses, based on a budget report at the next Arts Council meeting. Ann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Staff was directed to have a

budget report on the Art is Autobiography Workshop to show income and output for the next meeting.

Ann asked that the artist be paid pursuant to the previous agreement, and she indicated that she would e-mail Peggy to ask her to do so. The Arts Council then discussed the need to do a Scoop ad to thank various individuals and entities for donations. Marci moved to have an ad put in the Scoop thanking various individuals and companies. Brittany seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was further discussion led by Todd indicating that the Art is Autobiography raised the level of activities with the Arts Council, and was a benefit to the entire community and is clearly important for the mission of the Arts Council.

The discussion concluded with congratulations to Ann Schmidt for a great event.

B. Evaluation of the Halloween event, including any follow-up necessary, as well as discussion regarding the necessity of a microphone for the stories, seating, ribbons, and scary music in the background.

Everyone thought the event was great, the readings were fine, the ribbons were fine, the time of the day was perfect, there was great participation from the community, the refreshments were great and sufficient, the use of the donation jar was appropriate. Suggestions for the next event would include having scary music in the background, a microphone for the persons reading the scary stories, judging sheets are needed next time, photos of kids could be taken and there should be a costume parade also. Sam moved to have the Halloween event again next year, including scary stories, costumes and pumpkins. Marci seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Possible Theatre Workshop with Kaye Ricks.

Because Kaye is so busy with the musical she is putting together, the Arts Council will hold off in asking her to do another event for the Arts Council.

D. Culinary event, Holiday Theme Cooking, with Chef Dominic Kramer, currently scheduled for December 1, 2011 at the Hubbell, time to be determined.

The Arts Council decided to postpone this event. Marci moved to postpone this event and ask Dominic to reschedule it sometime in the Spring. Brittany seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Possible Martial Arts event.

The Arts Council decided to cancel the event.

F. Review of handling of donations for Art Sweet Art V, and discussion regarding new formatting of the event.

There was a brief discussion regarding donations. The Council wants the 2012 Arts Sweet Arts event put on the agenda for December 15, 2011, as well as an item for creating the calendar of events for next year.

G. Matters from the floor.

Ann Schmidt asked if she could be the representative of the Arts Council for an interview.

Sarah expressed her concern that the Arts Council not bite off more than it could chew, and that a monthly event is too often.

Todd raised the Winslow Summer Night issue, and indicated that he had heard from the Kennas that they were not going to be handling that event for the Summer of 2012. Todd suggested that the matter be placed on the City Council agenda for discussion and possible request to the City recreation director or the Chamber of Commerce to handle the event. Dale Patton indicated that he would ask the City Manager to put that on the City Council agenda.

Marci asked that badges for the Arts Council members be authorized and Sarah asked that the issue be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Sarah directed that the check to the Arts Council logo winner be issued, and she indicated she would talk to Peggy to give her the name and address of the winner.

7. COUNCILMEMBER'S BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Sarah Smithson – Chairperson

ATTEST:

Dale Patton – City Attorney