

ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2022 – Boone Municipal Airport Conference Room

Meeting Called to order: 6:25 pm

In attendance: Pam Grundstad, Chris Sutton, David Byrd, Linda R. Blakely, Guests: Rita Foster

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Grundstad. Seconded by Sutton
Ayes: Byrd, Blakely, Grundstad, Sutton

Financial Review: Blakely did a brief overview of the breakdown of the current financials stating that the original Commission started with \$5,000 and an additional \$3500 was issued from the city during Fiscal year 2023. The current budget, including prior fundraising is approximately \$9,000. Blakely also shared how all projects and their costs will have to be approved by City Council prior to execution.

Byrd did a brief overview of a grant for the Board's consideration by the Stated Historical Preservation Office and the National Park Service. Byrd didn't feel we qualified this year, because it was project specific recommending we keep it in mind for future projects.

Arts Projects: *Nights on the Green – Race Night* - Blakely introduced the CVB Nights on the Green event sharing that the Arts has the opportunity to participate as Volunteer Sponsors and to provide the kids activities. This event would allow the Board the opportunity to introduce the Arts Council to the Community. Blakely explained that the Volunteer sponsors would receive a portion of the proceeds for their participation. Volunteer needs will be provided by CVB and Blakely will share that with the Board/Council once it is received for assistance to fill.

Blakely mentioned that CVB asked us if we would be interested in Tricycle Races. Foster was concerned about safety and suggested having helmets. Blakely agreed to share concerns with CVB.

Other discussion included what types of activities to consider having. Blakely asked that everyone submit their ideas so that they could be approved by CVB prior to the next meeting.

Piano Project - Blakely presented the Piano Project stating that she had offered the Arts Board as a resource to help Chuck Behm promote/fundraise for the community piano. Blakely stated that after numerous meetings, she had suggested the possibility of using the Greenspace as a summer location which would offer great community awareness of the piano and its location. Blakely stated that Behm was insistent on the piano moving around the town and had several businesses on his list. Grundstad mentioned that the City had moved the piano in prior years. Sutton expressed concern with the Arts Board being responsible for moving the piano suggesting that Behm and the businesses work that out among themselves. Blakely suggested that Behm work directly with the city for assistance to move the piano.

Blakely stated that Behm agreed to have the piano at the Green Space for the August 12 (Nights on the Green) event where we can introduce him and his project to the community and could revisit our involvement after that.

Other projects: Blakely stated that she found an artist for a logo and would reach out to them, but was still in search for someone for Web design. Grundstad will reach out to some people she knows for possible contacts.

Arts Board/Council Positions open: Blakely reviewed the positions needing filled on both the Arts Advisory Board and the Arts Council Committee.

Other Business: Board/Council introductions: A brief introduction took place between Board Members and those serving on the Arts Council Committee.

Blakely asked the Board and Committee Members to start researching community project ideas for submission to be discussed at future meetings.

Next Meeting: August 4, 2022 at the Boone Municipal Airport

Motion to Adjourn made by Byrd. Grundstad seconded. Nays: None