

MACOMB COUNTY ART AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
April 16, 2019

At a meeting of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the Macomb County Administration Building, BOC Committee Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Members Present:

Jennifer Callans  
Jennifer Miller  
Gene Klida  
Pamela Lavers  
Ed Bruley  
Rodney Tolbert

Others Present:

Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, President and CEO, DIA  
Christine Kloostra, Executive Director Marketing and Communication DIA  
Julie McFarland, Public Affairs Officer, DIA  
Dr. Alesia Flye, Chief Academic Officer-MISD  
Lillian Demas, Macomb County Representative to the DIA Board of Directors  
Donald Ritzenhein, Macomb County Representative to the DIA Board of Directors  
Teri John, Executive Director of Learning and Audience Engagement, DIA

Members Absent:

William Wood

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum of the Authority present, the meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion made to adopt agenda by Jennifer Miller, supported by Rodney Tolbert. MOTION CARRIES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve minutes from February 12, 2019 with wording changed regarding board appointments Lillian Demas and Don Ritzenhein. Motion by Pamela Lavers, supported by Ed Bruley. MOTION CARRIES

PLANTE & MORAN

Engagement letter presented and reviewed by authority. There is no difference from past audits. Motion to sign and remit the Audit Engagement Letter by Jennifer Miller, supported by Rodney Tolbert. MOTION CARRIES.  
A copy of agreed upon procedures attached to receive and file. Motion by Jennifer Miller, supported by Rodney Tolbert. MOTION CARRIES

LCSA DISTRIBUTION LETTER

Motion to receive and file LCSA distribution letter and reimbursement check by Ed Bruley, supported by Gene Klida. MOTION CARRIES

PRESENTATION BY THE DIA

Julie McFarland presented the 2018 Year End Report and reviewed the categories in the service agreement. Teri John discussed school programs indicating the importance to co-create professional development workshops with educators. This will confirm the DIA is meeting current needs in the classroom. There has been steady growth in field trip attendance since 2013, but would like to encourage field trips to expand throughout the year. Don questioned if reminders were sent out to various groups to welcome them back. Reminders are sent and there is approximately a 30% return rate at this time. Reminders and evaluations are submitted to teachers after field

trips. Surveys are distributed at senior field trips and the outcome is reviewed as part of the communication plan. DIA away has reached its final contract year. Another type of art experience program will be considered.

Salvador introduced upcoming exhibits. Camelot to Kent State is showcasing art from 1960 – 1975 and will run through August 25, 2019. Play Ball at the DIA will return this year. This exhibit will go back in time to the Detroit Wolverines Baseball team and will include baseball cards and other memorabilia. A trophy from this era was received by the DIA in the 1940's and is being displayed at the Detroit Historical Museum. It will possible return to the DIA for display during this event. Highlight of the summer will be the Humble and Human Exhibit, followed by the Detroit Collects: Selections of African American Art from Private Collections and the Magical World of Bruegel.

There will be groundbreaking exhibitions in 2020. An exhibition in car design will be held in the contemporary galleries with 12 cars designed and made in Detroit (4-Ford, 4-GM, 4-Chrysler). This exhibit will show the process of car design – sketch to the building of the car. Also, 20<sup>th</sup> century works of art in response to the automotive industry.

Sixty works of art by Van Gogh will be displayed in 2020.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Pam and Jennifer researched meetings and found no end date associated with Don and Lillian. Ed Bruley recommended that we should not have an endless term. Suggested that a time frame of a 3 year term with 2 reappointments. Also suggested staggering terms.

Ed Bruley brought up the challenge of getting the public to the DIA for the first time. Ideas were discussed.

Next meeting date not confirmed. Looking at September 10 or 17.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:17 pm made by Jennifer Miller, supported by Rodney Tolbert. MOTION CARRIES