

MACOMB COUNTY ART AUTHORITY
MINUTES
December 8, 2020

At a virtual meeting of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 4:00 pm, the following members were present:

Members Present:

Jennifer Callans
Phil Gilchrist
Jennifer Miller
Ed Bruley
William Wood

Others Present:

Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, President & CEO, DIA
Eugene Gargaro, DIA Board Chair
Julie McFarland, Public Affairs Officer, DIA
David Flynn, Executive Director DIA
Christine Kloostra, Exec. Director Marketing & Communications, DIA
Jason Gillespie, Director of Educational Programming
Absent: Rodney Tolbert Judith Dolkart, Deputy Director for Art, Education and Programming
Lillian Demas, Macomb County Rep. to the DIA Board of Directors

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum of the Authority present, the meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Jennifer Miller, supported by Phil Gilchrist. MOTION CARRIES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve minutes from the October 27, 2020 meeting made by William Wood, supported by Jennifer Miller. MOTION CARRIES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present. Open/closed 4:10 p.m.

PLANTE MORAN ENGAGEMENT LETTER

No significant changes or additions from previous year, motion made to approve and sign as present. Motion made by William Wood, supported by Phil Gilchrist. MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT REVISION

Focus on plan on how to address COVID. Nothing has changed since last meeting. Matches exactly what was agreed to.

REPORT BY APPOINTEES TO THE DIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Review of press release submitted announcing the election of Judith Pritchett and Nancy Mitchell to the DIA Board of Directors. This makes 5 individuals from Macomb County on the Board. Lillian commended the Educational Committee.

REPORT FROM THE DIA

Julie presented the 2021 Program Plan. Offering free admission with all safety protocols in place. No food service at this time. Reservations are encouraged, 50 guests per ½ hour are allowed.

Jason reviewed student services as discussed in previous meetings. Power point field trips are provided to teachers. The DIA Delivered program should be available in 2021. Review of virtual workshops for Professional development educators.

Senior programs reviewed. Senior art kit is a pilot program with one organization in each county. In Macomb County, the kits have been distributed to the Clinton Township Senior Center. Kits were distributed November 19. Kits contained a survey to evaluate this program. The Art Poster Pilot, per Ed's suggestion will be implemented soon.

Inside/Out program included a list of communities involved in Macomb County. Kick off meeting will be held with these communities the end of December.

Salvador reviewed current/upcoming exhibits including:

Detroit Style: Care Design in the Motor City November thru June with hopes to extend it to the end of year

Russ Marshall-Detroit Photographs Exhibit, November thru June

Temporary/Contemporary-works acquired within the last decade.

These exhibits have received exceptional press coverage.

For 2021, DIA is working on Women Artists in Italy and a Van Gogh exhibit.

Jennifer asked with the visitor experience is like. There is weekly survey done. The response has been positive and the public is grateful the museum is open.

Motion made to accept Macomb 2021 Program Plan as presented. Motion made by Jennifer Miller, supported by Phil Gilchrist. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting will be held: March 2, 2021 @ 4:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:06 pm p.m. made by Phil Gilchrist, supported by William Wood. MOTION CARRIES