

Creating opportunities for everyone to experience the arts

Zumbrota Area Arts Council board minutes, August 7th, 2023

Members present in person and via Zoom: Bill Marx, Linda Smith, Kevin Klapperich, Roxanne Bartsh, Janice Carr, Jan David Fisher. Not present: Billy Wendt

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

June meeting minutes approval: Motioned by Jan David, second by Janice, minutes unanimously approval.

Treasurer's report: Kevin gave treasurer report, current checkbook balance \$39,029.59 and reviewed deposits and expenses since last report. The \$10,000 CD maturity date is 2/12/2024 and will earn 4.0% interest.

Membership report: Bill announced that the membership is currently at 74 members.

Theatre report: Roxanne gave an update on the theatre renovation project. They are approximately \$100,000 short of funds to complete the project as designed. Because of funding and running out of time the demolition work will not be started this year. The seats have been removed and are being refurbished with plans to be back installed by the end of September in time for Fall performances. They are continuing to explore fundraising and grant opportunities. More information will be available after the Theatre Committee meeting on Aug 9th.

Music in the Park: Janice reported the attendance has been very good averaging 150 people at each concert.

Art Projects:

Bill reported that they the youth art contest went well with many submissions coming in at the last minute. A total of 44 art pieces were submitted by 24 artists. Submissions were displayed on the ZAAC website, at Music In The Park, and in the Zumbrota News Record. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners. Linda reported that we will again have a tent at Covered Bridge festival with a poster to be decorated and given away. We will need volunteers to help set up and help out during the event.

Songs of Hope: The Songs of Hope performance went very well. Several local churches helped out with housing and support. A special thanks it due to Bill Marx and Marie Marvin for helping to coordinate this event.

Additional item:

Jan David opened discussion about needing a more detailed budget forecast. Annual budget review was presented by Dave Zimmerman at March meeting. All agreed that a better forecast would be beneficial. Discussion led into grant opportunities and there are times when the theatre committee is applying for the same grants ZAAC is when only one will be approved. There needs to either be more coordination between the groups or the theatre braking off under it's own non-profit organization. Jan David will look into some new grant opportunities that we are not taking advantage of.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 4th, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Theatre.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Kevin Klapperich, Secretary