



Royal Oak

Minutes

Royal Oak Commission for the Arts Meeting

February 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Street
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067

Present: Jason Gittinger
Melanie Macey
Jodie Ellison
Denise Reske
Alesha Beistline
Laura Bonnell
Melissa Tobias

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Jodie Ellison

Seconded by: Melanie Macey

To approve the agenda with the addition of the discussion of art competition and piano project.

Motion Adopted

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Laura Bonnell

Seconded by: Jodie Ellison

To approve of December 19 meeting minutes.

Motion Adopted

5. New Business

5.a Election of Officers

The group accepted nominations and appointed officers for the 2024-2025 (January).

Moved by: Laura Bonnell
Seconded by: Jodie Ellison

To nominate and appoint Jason Gittinger as Chair.

Motion Adopted

Moved by: Melissa Tobias
Seconded by: Alesha Beistline

To nominate and appoint Jodie Ellison for Vice Chair.

Motion Adopted

Moved by: Alesha Beistline
Seconded by: Denise Reske

To nominate and appoint Laura Bonnell as Secretary.

Motion Adopted

5.b Art Explored Recommendations

The Art Explored Subcommittee met prior to this meeting and are recommending Barcoser by Ammy Spencer, Swingin' Machines and This Time's the Deam's on Me by Jim Wolnosky, If they can smile, you should too by Forrest Miller, Eyes Closed Shut by Mark Beltchenko, and Soft but Bold by Karen Hain to the Commission for The Arts for their recommendation to the City Commission.

Moved by: Denise Reske
Seconded by: Alesha Beistline

To accept the recommendation of the Art Explored Committee.

Motion Adopted

5.c Erasure Poetry Activity with Artist Laureate Roberta Brown

Roberta Brown led the group in an erasure poetry activity and will bring back the results to a future meeting.

5.d Piano Project Discussion

The group had a discussion about the painted piano project coming back in the Spring and wanted to expand with one to two pianos outside of the Downtown area.

Moved by: Alesha Beistline
Seconded by: Jodie Ellison

To allow expenses up to \$2,000 for the painted piano project.

Motion Adopted

5.e Discussion of DDA art project

The group had a brief discussion about the DDA art project and what they needed from the DDA Manager to complete the project.

6. Old Business

7. Subcommittee/Program Reports

8. General Announcements

8.a Discussion of March Meeting Date

Moved by: Denise Reske
Seconded by: Jodie Ellison

To move the March meeting to Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

Motion Adopted

9. Social Media

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Moved by: Alesha Beistline
Seconded by: Denise Reske

Meeting was adjourned.

Motion Adopted