

Village of Bellaire
DDA Grants Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by D. McGuire at 9:46 am

Attendance:

Shelly Dayton, Tracy Lareau, Doreen McGuire, Cindi Place

Zoom:

Mary Bevans Gillett, Convener, Northwest Michigan Arts & Culture Network

Review of Minutes:

The Committee had no corrections

Public Comment on Agenda:

None

Old Business:

Charles Culver Exhibition

After numerous attempts to contact the bidder on “Portrait of the Artist as a Tiger” we received no response. This individual was the only bidder. The Committee recommended that the image from the exhibition be added to the Bellaire Library’s online auction.

Closing out the Charles Culver Exhibition

The online auction raised \$4056 which will support the next public art exhibition. The budget balance from this exhibition is \$287.10. This has been a very successful exhibition. Caren Culver, Andi Gerring and Doreen McGuire will visit Willa Graham’s art class at Bellaire High School to hear from the students regarding their thoughts of the exhibition. Ms. Graham coordinated a tour of the exhibition for her students.

The posts that displayed the images were left in the ground for the next expedition. The Committee recommended to place holiday wreaths on all the poles. S. Dayton and D. McGuire will hang them on Thursday so they are in place prior to the Bellaire Chamber event.

New Business:

2024 Art Exhibition

The Committee reviewed the juror's description, draft for Call for Artists using the submission portal. Mary Gillette was very helpful. She recommended individuals to speak with who have hosted other exhibitions, a suggested title for the exhibition, and most importantly her willingness to support us as we move through this next exhibition.

S. Dayton and D. McGuire will meet with Jeff Krino, selected juror, to review forms and guidelines.

C. Place will work on the website for the exhibition which will offer the submission portal for the artists. Review of the website will take place at the next Grants Committee meeting.

T. Lareau will work on the press release which should be sent out around the time of the Call for Artists.

The RFP was discussed and the Committee following the new DDA purchasing guidelines will not need the RFP but will be able to review bids for the photography work that will support the exhibition.

The Committee recommended to defer the discussion with schools and other programs until next month. D. Hoyt will be invited to the meeting to assist in the best way to reach out to the schools.

Miscellaneous

S. Dayton suggested that we consider at a future DDA Meet and Greet we use that event to fundraise for the current exhibition.

Grants Committee appointed S. Dayton as the primary purchaser/place holder and D. McGuire as the secondary purchaser/place holder.

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items:

None

Adjourn:

Meeting concluded at 11:10 am.