



CITY OF ORLAND ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2024

The Wednesday, January 17, 2024 meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Rae Turnbull at the Orland Art Center. Commissioners present were: Jill & Steve Elliott, Mason Greeley, Jim Scribner, Paddy Turnbull. Commissioners Absent: Mary Rose Kennedy and Council Liaison Bruce Roundy. Community member in attendance: Laurie LaGrone. The minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting were approved as emailed with no corrections or additions (motion made by Jim Scribner, seconded by Steve Elliott - motion carried). Financial Reports covering December 1 – December 31, 2023 provided by Letty Espinosa were accepted as presented with no corrections or additions (motion made by Jim Scribner, seconded by Paddy Turnbull – motion carried).

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ACTION:

- A. Commissioner Jill Elliott reported on incoming Patrons of the Arts membership dues received for the 2024 membership drive.
- B. Commissioner Mason Greeley reported on costs and details required to run announcements for the gallery on Chico based radio station 91.7 KCHO. Jim Scribner made a motion, seconded by Steve Elliott (motion carried) to go with the station's Plan B for 4 months, with announcements starting the first week in February in time for the February 2nd Artist's Reception.
- C. Community liaison Laurie La Grone reported that she is ready to get the newly designed sale receipt books printed and is working to find an available printer.
- D. Commissioner Rae Turnbull reported that for increased sustainability going forward, and to add freshness to our program, beginning in 2025 new Gallery Art Exhibits will be offered on a quarterly schedule. This means a new show will go up 4 times a year, instead of 6 times a year. This will enable us to offer 8 "First Friday Special Events" instead of 6. These events have proven to be very popular with the public. They also attract a wider range of visitors to the gallery. This is a positive for the artists whose work is on display as well as for the community at large.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

- A. Community liaison Laurie La Grone gave an update on the "Docent Appreciation Event" she is planning. Steve Elliott made a motion, seconded by Paddy Turnbull (motion carried) to set a \$500 budget for the forthcoming event.
- B. The purchase of a Jeannie Vodden watercolor painting for the City of Orland's Permanent Art Collection was discussed. Jim Scribner made a motion, seconded by Steve Elliott (motion carried) to purchase "Grape Expectations" for \$565.69.
- C. A stipend increase for Vincent Castaneda, who performs our First Friday Special Event preparations and set up/tear down was discussed. Steve Elliott made a motion, seconded by Jim Scribner (motion carried) to increase Vincent's stipend to \$100 per event.

- D. A stipend increase for Beth Bjorklund, who hangs the gallery shows was discussed. Steve Elliott made a motion, seconded by Jim Scribner (motion carried) to increase Beth's stipend to \$150 per show.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Elliott and Rae Turnbull