

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

Members Present: Hugo Martinez, Mary Drayer, Jerry Barshop, Jerry Hickman, Kris Kriofske, Leila McNeill and Joyce Baxter.

Members Excused: Rosalita Lucas and Michael Gallops.

Members Absent: N/A.

Staff Present: Kathy Cockcroft and Brenda Kennedy.

- 1) Call to Order:
Chairman Hugo Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.
- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting on May 12, 2009.
Minutes corrected to show Joyce Baxter's absence as excused. Motion made by Jerry Barshop to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Jerry Hickman; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Discuss budget overview of prior month.
Account balance \$1,900. Recap given of the additional \$150 expended for writing contest.
 - a) Present FY 2010 budget proposal.
Proposal presented to Commission, same expenditures planned as in FY 2009.
 - b) Discuss grants.
Kathy Cockcroft received phone call from citizen asking how to apply for a Arts and Humanities Commission grant. Hugo Martinez addressed question and explained the Commission's focus has shifted and the Commission now supports the various activities/contests (i.e.: art shows, writing contest, photography contest, etc). Commission does offer an Arts in Education grant which is available each year to the schools. Discussed the financial support the Commission gives annually to the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds and the Rowlett Community Chorale. Support was listed in the fiscal year goals. For fiscal year 2010, both possibilities of scholarships and grants will be considered.
- 4) Discuss purchasing business card for Commission members.
Sample business cards presented to members. Commission members wanting business cards with their personal contact information signed new Confidentially forms. Brenda will print out cards and mail to members.
- 5) Review Cultural Art Center presentation by Kris Kriofske.
Kris presented a handout of the steps taken to build a center in Arvada, Colorado. Will place item on July agenda for discussion and if necessary the formation of a committee.
- 6) Update from standing committees:
 - Writing Contest – Mary Drayer thanked Leila McNeill for judging the contest. Received 58 entries, and all 1st place winners (except 1) were present at the June 2 City Council meeting where they received their awards and proclamations.

Discussed next year having a cover sheet containing person's name, address, phone number, the division and category the person is entering. Also next year we need to ask up front for permission for the City to post the winning entries on the website. Kathy Cockcroft discussed new City Council agenda process, deadlines will need to be met, so Council presentations may need to be moved back in order for all required documentation to be available in order to meet the deadlines.

- Photography Contest – scheduled for September. The theme this year is transportation (i.e.: boats, cars, bikes, train, etc) and is titled, "Photo-Motion, Photos of Modes of Transportation". Mary will ask Cindy Serene to judge again this year. The take-in date is Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Mary asked the members to help that Saturday afternoon to display the entries. The pick-up date is Saturday, October 3 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Discussed having contestants sign a release form when they pick-up their work. Mary will update the entry form and send out. Winners will be presented at a Council meeting in November.
- Art Shows – decided take in date is Saturday afternoon, October 3 (right after the photography contest entries are picked up). Will decide take-down date after Kathy Cockcroft verifies library programs scheduled/early voting dates in October and November (to make sure meeting room is available). Jerry Hickman may have someone to judge the show, judging could take place in the evening the following week. Will review flyer at the July meeting.
- Westshore and More – Hugo and Mary have a meeting with City staff and will report at the July meeting.
- Art in Education grants – will discuss at July meeting.

7) Standing reports:

a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.

Hugo announced a combined patriotic concert with the Wilshire Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 1, at 7 p.m., concert is free. The church is located at Abrams and Mockingbird in Dallas.

b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.

Mary reported a summertime women's concert (maybe late June) is being planned with more information to follow. Anyone interested in the chorale (and can read music) please have them to contact Mary Drayer.

Also announced a combined program with the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds on December 19, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church and is entitled, "Old Fashioned Christmas".

8) Public Announcements:

- Kris Kriofske announced Garland Summer Musicals, "Sound of Music" performance this weekend and "Mame" last 2 weeks in July.
- Next Arts and Humanities Commission meeting is Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

8) Future topics:

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget overview of previous month

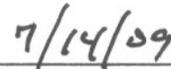
- a) Discuss grants.
- Discuss Cultural Art Center
- Review and update (if needed) standing committee assignments
- Update on Standing Committees
 - a) Writing Contest
 - b) Photography Contest (theme)
 - c) Art shows
 - d) Westshore and More
 - e) Art in Education grants
- Standing Reports:
 - a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (Hugo Martinez)
 - b) Update from Rowlett Community Chorale (Mary Drayer)
- Public announcements
- Future topics

9) Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



Signature of Chairman



Date