

**Extension Education, Arts and Culture Committee  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 3, 2021**

**Members present:** B. Hazard, R. Klitzke, R. Nelson, B. Stehling, V. McAuliffe, A. Anderson

**Members absent:** None

**Extension staff present via ZOOM:** A. Voss, M. Sage

**Extension staff present in person:** J. Hoffman, J. Erickson, M. McArthur, A. Coorough, M. Beernink, C. Richardson, H. Weisert, J. Gurgel, T. Ripp

**Others present:** Brent Miller, Marty Krueger, Donna Stehling, Christopher Long

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hazard.

**Certification of Open Meeting Notice**

Requirements of the Open Meeting Law met.

**Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda if necessary**

No action.

**Adopt Agenda**

Motion made by Klitzke, second by McAuliffe to adopt the agenda. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes of Spring Arts & History/Humanities grant selection panels**

Motion made by McAuliffe, second by Klitzke to **approve** the minutes of the Special Arts & History/Humanities Meetings of February 24, 2021 and Regular Meeting of February 3, 2021 with clarifications recommended by Nelson. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Communications:** No correspondence shared.

**EXTENSION**

**Review Extension Financial Reports and Approval of Extension Vouchers**

**Extension:** Extension budget and invoices reviewed. Subsidy from state for postage expense.

Motion made by Nelson, second by Klitzke to **approve** the Extension and Arts February invoices in the amount of \$1,026.82. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Discussion and possible approval of Extension 2020 Annual Report**

Motion made by Nelson, second by McAuliffe to **accept** the 2020 Extension Annual Report. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Discussion on “Potential Economic Effects of the Gateway to the Driftless Trail System**

Brief overview of the potential economic effects of the Gateway to the Driftless Trail System were presented by Jenny Erickson, Supervisor Marty Krueger and Christopher Long.

**Area Extension Director Divisional updates:**

- a. Extension Focus shared with supervisors.
- b. Introduction and welcoming of new Horticulture Educator, Tim Ripp.

**Committee engagement on Extension Educator priorities and programming:**

- a. Needs assessment process will continue with FoodWise and Horticulture – encouraging supervisors to help Extension identify the needs of Sauk County.

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**Committee engagement on Extension Educator priorities and programming continued**

- b. **FoodWise – Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Coordinator and Melissa Beernink, Nutrition Educator** – FoodWise is a federally-funded program. Richardson gave a brief overview of program areas and current partners they are working with in Sauk County. Committee was asked to identify groups FoodWise may be overlooking. FoodWise shared questions with committee members to assist with determining Sauk County Educator priorities and programming.
- c. **Horticulture Educator – Tim Ripp** – Hoffman reviewed the current horticulture position description and expectations.

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**Arts & Culture Financial Reports**

Budget reviewed.

**Arts & Culture updates:**

- a. Discussion on use of excess major grant funds requested on next agenda.
- b. Grant policies will be reevaluated this summer.

**Discussion and possible approval of Arts & Culture 2020 Annual Report**

Motion made by Nelson, second by Stehling to **accept** the 2020 Arts & Culture Annual Report. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Discussion and possible approval of Good Idea Grant applications**

- a. Hill & Valley - Motion made by Nelson, second by McAuliffe to **approve** the good idea grant in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried. All in favor.
- b. Powered Up Baraboo – Motion made by Nelson, second by McAuliffe to **approve** the good idea grant in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Discussion and possible action on Spring 2021 AHHP grant applications as recommended by the Arts & History/Humanities grant selection panels**

*Please refer to the following spreadsheet in the last column, Amount Recommended.*

Motion made by McAuliffe, second by Nelson to **approve fully-funding** all grants listed below with the exception of **partial-funding** of Summit Players Theatre, decreased to \$2,000; Aldo Leopold Fdn. – decreased to \$1,000 and **no funding** of the Reedsburg Historic Pres. Commission. Motion carried. All in favor.

Recipient	Description	Type	AmtReq	Amt Recom
American Players Theatre	Mirrors & Windows Residency	Arts	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Baraboo Childrens Museum	Little Artist	Arts	\$1,706.00	\$1,706.00
Little Eagle Arts Foundation	Maa Wakacak Youth Day Camp	Arts	\$2,830.00	\$2,830.00
Reedsburg ArtsLink	Fluvial North	Arts	\$3,225.00	\$3,225.00
River Valley Commons (Add 5pts)	Musician in Residence	Arts	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Shakespeare on the Edge	Return to the Renaissance Education Series	Arts	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Summit Players Theatre	Shakespeare in the State Parks	Arts	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
Taliesin Preservation	Virtual Classroom in Sauk County	Arts	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Wormfarm Institute	Test Plots	Arts	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>ARTS Subtotal</b>			<b>32,461.00</b>	<b>29,461.00</b>
<u>Aldo Leopold Foundation</u>	Sandhill Cranes & Aldo Leopold	HHP	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
<u>Reedsburg Historic Preservation Commission</u>	Reedsburg in the 70s	HHP	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
<u>Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance</u>	Historic Apple Trees of Badger	HHP	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Humanities Subtotal</b>			<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>44,461.00</b>	<b>33,461.00</b>

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**Next Meeting Date:** Regular Meeting; **Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

**Future Agenda Item(s):** Committee engagement on needs overview; discussion on excess major grant funds

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Klitzke, second by McAuliffe to **adjourn** the meeting. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Nelson, Extension Education, Arts & Culture Committee Secretary  
Judy Gurgel, Recording Secretary