

## **Edina Art Center Board Meeting September 27, 2007**

Members present: Gene Andersen, Dolores Dege, George Hadjiyanis, Bill McCabe, Heather Randall King, Daniel Schroeder, Jim Van Valkenburg.

Members absent: Liz Eisenbrey, Mike Kelly, Ken Rosland, Ruth Valgema.

Staff present: Diana Hedges, Phil Johnson

### **Call To Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by chair, Jim Van Valkenburg.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 28, 2007 meeting were read, seconded and approved.

### **Fees and Charges**

Diana Hedges introduced charts listing class tuition fees for 2008. Class tuition is recommended to be increased by 5%. Tuition for Family Workshops (children accompanied by an adult) will remain the same. Membership fees had not been increased in five years. Liz Eisenbrey was analyzing membership trends and will report findings to the Board. Further discussion concerning membership fees was tabled for the next meeting when Liz would be present. Heather King moved that the class and workshop tuition portion of the Fees and Charges recommendations be approved for submission to Parks and Recreation Director John Keprios. Dee Dege seconded. The motion was passed with Jim VanValkenburg abstaining.

### **Outreach and Public Art**

Diana Hedges reported that Anne Spooner has a wonderful exhibit at Jerry's Cafe. The Public Art Committee met earlier today (Thursday). Gloria Tew, Marcia McEachron and Nick Legeros, the 3 finalist sculptors for the Promenade project, were interviewed. The Hedberg family has donated 80 thousand dollars for the project. George Hadjiyanis asked what the timeline for this project is. Diana said the sculpture is to be done in 2008 with the entire promenade completed in 2009. The City of Edina website has details on the promenade. The Public Art committee is also working on the gymnasium mural project. Sports images will be created on three 9 by 12-foot banners, probably on boards with acrylic surfaces. The grand open house for the Southview Sports Complex gymnasiums will be Sunday, Oct. 14, from 2 to 4 pm.

Jim VanValkenburg asked if the Public Art Committee is recording its minutes and, if so, can the Art Center Board get them. Diana said she will have the Committee Secretary email the minutes directly to Board Members and mail to those who do not have email.

### **Fall into Arts**

Was very successful! Passed out many schedules and people signed up for the mailing list. After expenses we netted \$725 profit. Thanks to Ken Rosland for this opportunity. Heather King remarked that as she greeted and talked to artists, vendors and visitors, they seemed very happy with the event.

### **Juried Show**

Diana Hedges reported that this was our best exhibit ever! The opening was fantastic and Jeff Hurinenko and Kelly Connolle were two of the best judges we've ever had. Special thanks to Heather and Ruth for stepping up to the plate and pulling the show together!

People raved about the refreshments, too! Our donations were \$625 more than last year. Thanks go to all!

Heather King, as the official greeter for the Juried Show, commented that everyone she talked to was very pleased. The judges told her that they had “a fabulous experience.” Daniel Schroeder praised the judges as interactive and helpful, staying around after the program to share and comment. Gene Andersen added that the staff had dedicated many hours to the event and deserved kudos, as well.

### **Director’s Report**

(note: The Board already received the extensive report.)

### **Other Business**

Heather King asked if there had been any follow-up to her suggestion that Star Tribune columnist Kim Ode be contacted and invited to visit the Art Center. Phil Johnson replied that he had not done so but would have a report by the next Board meeting.

### **Comments from the Public**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.