



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
April 12, 2018

Members Present:

Garrie Burr, Fred Fehr, Carol Jackson, Richard Massie, Lauren Masterson Rodriguez, Marian Reed, Barbara Santoro, Winnie Sullivan, Nicole Thomas, Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Kay Watts

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Garrie Burr.

Minutes were approved on a motion by Ms. Watts, seconded by Mr. Fehr.

Citizen Comments: none

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Sullivan presented the April financial summary, and it was approved on a motion by Ms. Watts, seconded by Ms. Reed

Staff Liaison Report: Ms. Euell-Taylor will finalize contracts for Starlight musicians with Mr. Massey. She brought flyers for summer activities.

Council Liaison Report: Mr. Smotherson asked for clarification about the Bloomberg grant presentation.

Committee Reports

- Calendar Art – Ms. Watts and Mr. Fehr continue their discussion of Rod Milam photos for the 2019 calendar. (They will request bio and photo for inclusion.) Discussion continues for future calendar topics.
- Finance – The Whittaker Foundation grants are not available for funding A&L projects. Our RAC application was discussed, and it seems that they would like more strength in several areas such as diversity on board and musicians, better evaluation and marketing. Awards will be made on 5/23/18.
- Literary – There are proposed locations for "Raining Poetry," and permission for one. It's expected that the project will be done in April and then the committee will move on to focus on the Young Writers award.
- Marketing – Ms. Masterson-Rodriguez will chair this committee. A mix of old and new options will be considered, including digital and expanded print possibilities.
- Movies -- Proposal for second Saturdays in June, July, August. Locations were discussed, along with the possibility for an earlier time for a kids' movie. Possible titles should be sent to Ms. Euell-Taylor. Ms. Euell-Taylor indicated the Recreation Division has movies planned for Heman Pool during the summer months.
- Public Art-- It is expected the Commission will approve a proposal from those submitted by the students. Because of the new design of this project, Frank Ollendorff will be consulted for the Levy family approval.
- Returning Artist – Please forward names of UCHS graduates to Ms. Watts for consideration for returning artist.

- Starlight Concerts – Mr. Massey will meet with Ms. Euell-Taylor to get contracts signed, and has developed a form for artists' information and will do one for technicians. Ms. Reed is the contact for all concessions. UCHS students fundraising for a matching grant (trip to D. C.) would like to sell. Other organizations may be interested, also. Raffle tickets will be sold at a table.

New Business: None

Announcements: The public is invited to vote at Centennial Commons for bench designs for the Olive Beautification project. 2) There have been 25 submissions for mannequins. 3) An original copy (belonging to Rhode Island) of the Constitution will be displayed at WU's Newman Center on May 1.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.