

ST. CLAIR SHORES CULTURAL COMMITTEE
Minutes
MacHarg Room
Wednesday, April 12, 2023

PRESENT:

Chairperson	Amy Lockard
Vice Chairperson:	Dawn Sketch
Secretary:	Madeline Bialecki
Treasurer:	Eileen Sullivan
Members:	Bob Knapp Barbara DiMercurio
Library Director:	Rosemary Orlando
Library Assistant Director	Stephanie Fair

Council Liaison : Candice Rusie

I. ROLL CALL. Chairperson Lockard called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Bialecki, supported by Sullivan to adopt the agenda.

Ayes: Bialecki, DiMercurio, Knapp, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Sketch, supported by DiMercurio, to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting.

Ayes: Bialecki, DiMercurio, Knapp, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT.

Treasurer Sullivan reported that there was a deposit of \$315.00 on 3/7/23 for the Holocaust Museum tour and a payment of \$126 on 3/13/23 to the Holocaust Museum. Sketch received \$12.00 for the two people who came to the Holocaust Museum on their own, which will be added to the Cultural Committee account. On 3/16/23, \$1000.00 was deposited from ticket sales for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The balance is \$3,262.08.

It was moved by Bialecki, supported by Lockard, to receive and file the financial report.

Ayes: Bialecki, DiMercurio, Knapp, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

V. CORRESPONDENCE.

Lockard reported that notes for the Cultural Committee go into the mail slot, which is not regularly checked by Cultural Committee members. She asked if we could add the Cultural

Committee email or Lockard's phone number to event flyers so that she would be notified of any correspondence. After discussion, it was decided to add the Library phone number and the Cultural Committee email address to event flyers. Orlando will instruct Library staff to refer questions they cannot answer to the Cultural Committee email address for resolution.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Tours

- i. Detroit Symphony Orchestra, April 21, 2023. Sold out in 2 hours. Lockard will drive to the DSO and stay with the tour. Lockard proposed we sell only 24 tickets and reserve one for the designated Committee person. Orlando has requested a check for the DSO.
- ii. Stahl's Museum, June 6, 2023. Sketch put April 24 as the date tickets will go on sale. Tickets are \$10.00 for the bus; \$5.00 for a donation to the museum. We will collect the \$10.00 in advance and instruct those who sign up to bring cash for a donation.
- iii. Affirmations, September. Sketch is in contact with them and learned the art exhibit is not yet scheduled. The Affirmations staff will give a talk and the tour will include lunch. Details TBD.
- iv. DNR Outdoor Recreation Center, October 12 Brunch and Learn at the Outdoor Center on Riverfront Railroads, The DNR fee is \$6 per senior, plus \$10 for the bus.
- v. Arab American Museum, November 9, (\$5 per senior, \$10 per adult, plus \$10 bus). It was moved by Lockard, supported by Bialecki to charge \$30.00 for seniors and \$35 for adults. Bialecki will request payment info and timelines.
Ayes: Bialecki, DiMercurio, Knapp, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan.
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Orlando requested that Cultural Committee members provide as many details as possible when planning tours and speakers. Sketch offered to create a form for details on every event and speaker, including contact information, cost, etc. Sketch created a checklist for the Committee member who is the person in charge of a tour; she will share with the committee members.

b. Speakers

- i. Greg Kowalski April 24. Art Deco at the Library for a \$50.00 fee. Sketch submitted an invoice for this talk and Kowalski's last talk in November 2022.
- ii. Bob-Lo. Patrick Livingston is set for May 22 at the Library. Livingston will come in advance to check the A/V setup. Library staffer, Joe, is in charge of technology; Bialecki will advise Livingston to reach out to Joe, who works Monday and Thursday evenings and can show him the equipment.
- iii. Mystic Michigan Paranormal Group. Rusie suggested the VFW hall or the Eagles on 9 Mile. Fair suggested the new venue in 9/Mack area. Bialecki will reach out to the VFW (Ann) for October 23. Lockard suggested we

ask people to bring a canned food donation because this event is near the holidays which will go to Forgotten Harvest.

- iv. DNR Lighthouses. John Wagner is the author of a book on Michigan lighthouses; Lockard reached out to him about talking in September.
 - v. Lockard received a Facebook message about Guardians of Detroit, Jeff Morrison. We will hold off until we hear about the lighthouse talk and Library renovations.
- c. Farmer's Market –Bialecki will create a flyer and get stickers. It was moved by Bialecki, supported by Lockard, to allocate up to \$200 for supplies for the Farmer's Market art projects.
Ayes: Bialecki, DiMercurio, Knapp, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan.
Nays: None
Motion Carried.
- d. Lac. St. Clare Art Show. Lockard will call Sara Rose to see what might be possible for us to show the work we are doing. Rusie suggested hosting a kids' art project for a few hours. 10 a.m.- noon. Lockard suggested sponsoring a musical act. Sketch knows a musician through Gleaners and she will reach out to him. Orlando suggested having library staff do a story hour. Sketch offered to read books on diverse cultures.
- e. Tiny Art Show 2.0. Rusie suggested a holiday/winter-themed Tiny Art Show to display at the Beach House at Blossom Heath. Orlando said the Summer Reading Program may include a puzzle painting project. Rusie will contact Parks and Recreation director Bowman about the possibility of a Tiny Art Show at the Beach House. We could work with the elementary schools to have the kids enter the project.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Grants. An application was submitted to the Ruby McCoy Foundation for \$5,000.00 to support art projects.
- b. Literary Walk, June 24, 2023. It was moved by Bialecki, supported by Sketch, to allocate \$300.00 for the Literary Walk by the Lake program.
Ayes: Bialecki, DiMercurio, Knapp, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan.
Nays: None
Motion Carried.
- c. Bialecki suggested taking photos of tours for the Library's Instagram page. Rusie said we need a photo consent form, which will be signed when people register for tours.

VIII. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION.

None

X. ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved by Bialecki, supported by DiMercurio, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Ayes: Bialecki, DiMercurio, Knapp, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee is Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madeline Bialecki, Secretary