

**Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage
Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2019**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
COMMISSION FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND HERITAGE
BOARD PROCEEDINGS – May 9, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Chairperson Darian Moore called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendance: Anthony Davis, Kira Macyda, Darian Moore, Susan Schwandt, Bill Tesen
John Mullinax, Greg Hohenberger, Jennifer Provenzano, Joseph Kvoriak, Nick
Brandon, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)

Excused: Jon LaFever, Ken Bhuva, Sharon Dillenbeck, Samar Sakakini, Elena Semenov

Absent: Yvonne Alford, Sue Dodson, Sommer Foster, Thomas Paden,
Virginia Thorne-Herrmann

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mullinax, supported by Tesen to accept the agenda of May 9, 2019 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mullinax, supported by Davis to accept the meeting minutes of February 7, 2019
with the amendment to Committee Member Reports, Section D: High School Diversity Council.
Kvoriak stated that Laura Mortier will reach out to Nick Brandon. Change accepted and motion
carried unanimously.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome Nick Brandon to the team. Nick gave an overview of what he does and his
responsibilities at the school. Nick also mentioned that he has a non-profit for music
appreciation that is run out of the PARC in Plymouth.
Hohenberger mentioned a 2019 Orientation packet that was handed out to everyone regarding
the wants and needs of the onboard process. He asked that everyone take a look and give edits
to Bunjik so we can update.

CANTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Beth Meade from the Canton Community Foundation came to speak about the foundation.
Meade gave an overview of what the foundation does and how it helps people and businesses
set up 501(c)(3) non-profits through them. Recently took on Plymouth's funds. Meade
mentioned that there are many different types of funds to choose from depending on the
individual's needs or wants. The goal is to have peoples passions live on after they are gone.
They are celebrating their 30th anniversary this year.

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Hohenberger mentioned the great partnership that the Township has with the Foundation. They have worked together on many donor projects where individuals or businesses want to help the Township and the Canton Community Foundation helps make that happen.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning – Update

1. Artist Laureate Program: John Mullinax reported on the Artist Laureate Program. This project will put Canton on the map as a location for artists, while supporting local Canton artists.

- Mullinax stated that the paperwork has been submitted to the Canton Community Foundation.
- It has been reviewed by Canton Township Attorney, Kristin Kolb. She will write the contract for the Program. Mullinax asked if Kolb needed to review the agreement, Hohenberger stated no.
- Met with Peg Stevens for marketing material
- Program was taken to the Board of Trustees on April 9th where it passed
- Working on donations and fundraising to get the program off the ground. Need \$14,000 a year, starting with zero dollars. Leisure services will be donating In-kind since they are not able to donate money.
- Talked about subcommittee's soliciting donations: Tesen will talk to Rotary Club, Pat Williams will talk with the DDA, and meeting is set up for 5/20 with Historical Society. Trying to get a Board Meeting set-up with Partnership for the Arts.
- Hohenberger to send available dates to Schwandt to meet with Bart Patterson on studio space.
- Still trying to meet with the Canton Chamber (Darian Moore to schedule) and the Arts Academy (Nick Brandon to schedule with Sean Jackman). Mullinax to send information to Brandon.
- MCACA Grant: Mullinax and Schwandt mentioned that they will not be applying this year due to some limitations. Mullinax mentioned that to apply, they would have to modify the program which is something they may want to look into. Macyda mentioned that there are easier grants to get.

Next Steps:

- Redevelop program to get grants
- Set up a calendar
- Fundraising: Partnership, Chamber, Library, Optimist Club, etc.

Other:

- A Thank you to Susan for leading the subcommittee
- Discussed how to add members to the subcommittee: 2 members from Cultural Commission, 1 Township Representative and 4 other members

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- Hohenberger stated that if anyone has any connections to set-up a meet and greet with Schwandt and Mullinax or reach out themselves
- Commission nominates the 4 other members
- Schwandt is working on a brochure with sponsorship levels, would like to run it by Meade
- Mullinax asked Meade what the ETA is on getting the link up on the website. Meade stated they are in the process of getting a new website so it will be up once the new website is implemented. She stated it would be soon.
- Provenzano suggested keeping the committee diverse by having a student sit on the committee.
 - The commitment will start in August. Suggested that the student term be only a year long.

B. Acts of Culture Week

- Promoted on Canton Cable
- Provenzano asked members to share on Facebook and other Social Medias.
- Art show is at the tail end of the week. No table this year. Ask Jill Engle to hand out information at her table this year.
- Promote Artist Laureate Program at Liberty Fest this year.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Liberty Fest Booth

Provenzano made the suggestion that we move the tent over by the beer garden since the Rotary is supporting the Artist Laureate Program with beer sales. We could keep a jar for extra donations at the booth to raise some more money. Ideas were talked about for what to have at the booth this year. Provenzano mentioned an adult coloring page on the back of an Artist Laureate flyer. People could take them home and send in a picture to win a prize.

Hohenberger suggested getting a committee together to get the details worked out. Macyda, Mullinax, Tesen, Schwandt, Provenzano and Kvoriak volunteered. Schwandt also mentioned that Ginger offered her school choir to sing if needed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Partnership for the Arts & Humanities

- None

B. Multicultural Committee

- Chinese Festival at the Village Theater was a success with great attendance.
- International Fest will be at Liberty Fest this year. Ellie will be taking over. Working with Peg on promoting.

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C. Historical Society

- September 7, 2019 – Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn event.
- Participating in River Day this year at Preservation Park

E. Resident Art Groups

Michigan Philharmonic

- None

D&M Art Studio

- None

Village Theater

- On June 23rd there will be the 1st Annual Canton Pride Festival at the theater put on by the Gender Sexuality Alliance from the High School. Proceeds will be going to supporting groups. Kvorik stated they will be talking donations at the door in hopes of still collecting information since there are no tickets. Volunteers are needed, Schwandt and Anthony have volunteered to help. Kvorik will give Bunjik Information to e-mail out to the group.
- Two new programs this year
 - Art Workshops being held once a month. Workshops run \$20 a class and change each month. The first month is a photography class. On June 12th from 6-8pm. Even though the workshops are doing well, still promote if you can.
 - Sensory Sensitive Series will begin in the fall. Movies are available for families to enjoy who have sensory sensitivities. Lights will be dim, only 200 tickets will be sold so it's not overcrowded, etc.
- Vocal lessons, Improv and adult acting will be available in the fall at the Theater. Kvorik is finalizing with the Instructors
- Kvorik is doing an award ceremony in August. He will be giving out 2 awards a year; one for an usher and one for a participant. Winners will be chosen through nominations. This will also give volunteers an opportunity to perform and solicit during the event.
- The two camps are sold out. Kvorik is now doing a minicamp the week before to accommodate the waitlist. It has 8 registrants so far.
- Theater seats are going to be repaired. Fundraising to take place. The original donors will be recognized and given the opportunity to donate again.
- Provenzano applauded Kvorik for a stellar spring. Many sold out shows
- Mullinax asked Kvorik if he thought of doing an Art Film Series. Kvorik stated that it is on his radar.

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ROUND TABLE

A. Additional Public Comment

- Tesen mentioned that the Historical Museum will be opening on May 18th through the rest of the year. This year's display will be Canton from 1920-1950.
- Provenzano gave an overview of Canton's adoption of KultureCity.
 - Spaces designated to people with sensory sensitivity
 - Employees have been trained
 - Bags filled with items to help with sensitivities (noise-canceling headphones, feeling cards, etc.)
 - Canton is the first Parks & Rec in the Country to have this program

B. Next Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – Canton Admin. Building – Lower Level Room E.

ADJOURN

Motion by Tesen, supported by Schwandt to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.