

AMAC meeting MINUTES

April 13, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM

Arts West

132 West State Street

Athens, Ohio 45701

Barbara Klare, Kelee Riesbeck, Holly Ittel, Chelsa Morahan, Beth Braun, Emily Beveridge, Andrea Baird, Wendy McVicker

- I. Call to Order and legislative updates: Andrew Chiki & Jeff Risner - no updates
- II. Minutes from March 9, 2022 for approval: Josh Birnbaum
One correction - Chiki is a commissioner - APPROVED
- III. Arts West / Arts of APRD Update: Emily Beveridge
SO MUCH GOING ON!
 - Prints Plants and Pots last weekend
 - Fun Home was cast last weekend - first 2 weekends of June - Pride Month production sponsored by City, LGBT Center, Women's Center and (hopefully) ACCVB
 - (Also looking at doing an annual show for Disabilities Month (March) moving forward.
 - OVST starting rehearsals for Seussical the Musical, Jr.
 - This week "When There Was Music" - OU student production (Thursday-Sunday)
 - Lost Flamingos "Rosenkrantz and Gildenstern are Dead" next up
- IV. Special Guests:
 - a. Wendy McVicker: Athens Poet Laureate
 - Gave us a comprehensive handout with all of her projects since becoming Poet Laureate in 2020;
 - Highlighted her "Silver Linings" videos posted weekly to YouTube and Facebook
 - Tries to maintain the Poet Laureate Facebook page;
 - Highlighted "I Thought I Heard a Cardinal Sing" - book of poetry compiled by Kari. Keith Wilde did cover art;
 - Distributed her poem cards - "Poetry in Your Pocket" day is April 29th;
 - Talked about and shared "Poetry Periodical" - sheet published by local poet Stephanie Kendrick;
 - Call went out for local poets to contribute 2 lines to a poems that Wendy will assemble and present at the AMAC 20th Celebration on May 19th;
 - b. Andrea Baird: Athens Skate Jam
Benefit concert for Sojourners Network April 23rd - at Devil's Kettle 4-9pm
- 3 bands;
Also, Community Mural - working with PassionWorks for a mural outside of the Resiliency Center (5 N. Shaffer) - paint dates are every Thursday in May from 4-6pm
- V. Ongoing Public Projects:
 - a. Art Outside the Box - Round 4: Holly Ittel & Kelee Riesbeck
Approximately 40 entries;
Jury at end of May;

- b. Possible future projects:
 - i. 6th Floor Parking Garage mural / green space
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 - c. Arts Builds Business Builds Arts with the Air Institute: Chelsa Morahan
 - Great introduction to the concept of arts as an economic engine;
 - AIR Team for the City - Brandon Thompson, Sherri Oliver, Emily Prince, Chelsa Morahan, Leslie Schaller;
 - Two more workshops to happen - “Shift” then “Evolve”;
 - Team felt that all the right players weren’t in the room for the initial event;
 - As a result they will have another initial workshop 2 weeks prior to the “Shift” event in
 - order to get more people in the room;
 - d. Governor’s Arts Awards Luncheon: Chelsa Morahan
Kelly, Holly and Chelsa will attend on Wednesday May 11th
- VI. Ongoing Commission Business:
- a. Athens Community Arts & Music Festival - 8/13/22
 - Conversations have happened with Scott and Kelly Lawrence;
 - Scott just needs someone to be the AMAC liaison and Kelly Reisbeck volunteered, otherwise Scott’s got it;
 - b. 20th AMAC Celebration + Third Thursdays Musical Parks
Dates: 6-8pm
 - City Pool parking lot (May 19th); Richland Ave or W. State Street Park (June 16th); W. State Street Park (July 21st)
 - 4 bands have tentatively committed for at least one performance - looking for more bands;
 - Kids drawing; food vendors; Holly curating photos of past AMAC projects
- VII. Commission Action Items:
- a. Social Media Form: Holly Ittel
- VIII. Announcements and other business:
- Kelee reports that CoFA is initiating a Designer in Residence program with potential for community outreach; contact her for more details.
- IX. Adjourn - 7:08pm

Next Meeting: May 11, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM at Arts West