

**ART CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 21, 2016**

A meeting of the Art Center Board of Trustees was held at 12:00 p.m., Sioux City Art Center, Gleeson Conference Room, 225 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, IA 51101.

<b><u>BOARD PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS</u></b>
Gregory Jones, chair	Al Harris-Fernandez, director	
Helen Glazer	Kjersten Welch, recording sec'y	
Becky Meyer, vice chair		
Terri McGaffin		
Michael McTaggart		
Dwight Packard		
<b><u>BOARD ABSENT</u></b>		
Jack Bristow		

**1. CALL OF THE ROLL**

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. with chair Gregory Jones, vice-chair Becky Meyer, Helen Glazer, Terri McGaffin, Mike McTaggart, and Dwight Packard in attendance.

**2. Reading of Minutes of February 17, 2016.**

Dwight Packard made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Becky Meyer; all voting aye.

**3. Financial Reports –** Art Center director Al Harris-Fernandez reported that 83 percent of the current fiscal year has lapsed, while 92 percent of the budget has been expended. After discussing the current budget with the Finance Department, it was determined that Art Center should be able to finish the fiscal year without a budget add. The expenses over \$250 report was reviewed. Terri McGaffin made a motion to accept the financial reports, seconded by Mike McTaggart; all voting aye.

**4. Building And Properties Report –** Mr. Harris-Fernandez advised the board that the City Council has approved capital improvement project funds to be used for landscape improvements. Plans include removing bushes located just outside the Gardner Room and replacing with grass. Outdoor lighting to illuminate wall banners and a light pole near the front entrance will be added. The current bench outside the front entrance will be replaced.

Mr. Harris-Fernandez advised the board of information regarding a safe room for the Learning Center. New regulations will require a safe room to protect up to 50 people. The building architect has proposed making one classroom without skylights or windows to fulfill the requirement. Discussion followed and the board requested that Mr. Harris-Fernandez investigate whether the space needs to be a dedicated safe room without any other use.

**5. Personnel And Policies Report –** Beth Love has been hired as a part-time desk attendant/receptionist. She replaces Mary Sexton who retired March 11, 2016.

6. Attendance Report – The *Art of the Brick* exhibition has been popular and is projected to attract more than 20,000 visitors before it closes May 8, 2016.

7. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – No additional items were requested.

8. Other Business – Mr. Harris-Fernandez advised the board that work has not yet been completed for the new strategic plan. The Art Center Association of Sioux City board voted to extend the current plan to 2016 and he recommended the Board of Trustees also approve the extension. Becky Meyer made a motion to extend the Art Center's 2011-2015 Strategic Plan to 2016, seconded by Dwight Packard; all voting aye.

*John Himmelfarb: Trucks* will open July 16 and run through October 23, 2016. The *Penelope Project* will coincide with the exhibition. The *Penelope Project* features a movable sculpture, a working 1948 farm truck named Penelope, that will visit local schools. The Art Center will distribute educational materials to art teachers who will then develop projects that they feel is appropriate.

Mr. Harris-Fernandez continues to research the development of a Phillip Guston exhibition.

*Sioux City Collects* is an upcoming exhibition that will replace the juried exhibition. This exhibition would focus on more works from fewer artists.

*Twenty Years of Excellence* is an exhibition that is being planned to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Art Center's building.

9. Director's Evaluation/Closed Session – Mr. Harris-Fernandez explained the evaluation process to the board and answered questions.

Mike McTaggart submitted his evaluation materials and was excused from the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Helen Glazer made a motion to go into closed session in order to evaluate the Art Center director's job performance to avoid needless and irreparable injury to his reputation as authorized by the State of Iowa Code (Section 2.15 (I) of the Iowa State Code, seconded by Dwight Packard; all voting aye. The board entered closed session at 12:57 p.m.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Terri McGaffin and seconded by Dwight Packard, the Board of Trustees (all voting aye) returned to open session at 1:36 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m., on motion by Terri McGaffin, seconded by Dwight Packard; all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kjersten Welch, Recording Secretary