

Present: Jordan Imlah, Laura Steenson, Sarah Love, Samantha Swindler, Gabriella Ugarte, Josh Freeman, Paul Montone, Mark McCrary, Julie Ratcliff

Financial Report: Mark asked “how do the 2 accounts relate?” (Mural Fund vs Arts Committee general fund). Jordan answered that the Mural Fund is funded by the city and is earmarked specifically for murals and can only be spent on things that meet those criteria. The other account is for anything else the arts committee wants to do.

Mark asked about grants and revealed that he is a former grant writer. The discussion was had about writing grants and Mark said he could look into that.

Porchfest: Sam reported that the website is updated and sign ups are going really great. Getting a couple of new sign ups weekly. Pamplin has the ads and they should be running soon.

Julie reported that Rob has all the stuff for the tshirts. She will look into when the tshirts will be ready.

Sam reported that Ovation did want to sponsor. Unfortunately, they missed the deadline for being on the tshirt, but they are on the ads and will be on the posters. Sam will talk to them about what we can do to make up for not being on the tshirt.

Discussion about having posters and handouts/fliers at the city booth on June 26. It was decided to have a QR code generated that people can use to link to the map.

Laura will have the posters to Jordan for printing by June 17.

Sam asked for people to adopt neighborhoods for sign and door hanger distribution.

1. Lake Road – Mark
2. Historic Milwaukie/Downtown – Sarah
3. Linwood – Josh
4. Ardenwald – Julie
5. Hector Campbell – Sam
6. Island Station – Victoria
7. Lewelling – Paul

Mural Updates: We have about 15k left from this fiscal year that we need to spend. The location where we’re planning to spend that is the post office on Main Street near the plaza. Last month we met with the muralist who is creating a tribal pattern inspired design that captures the symbolism, colors, culture and tradition of the first people on this land. The owner must sign an easement that says they will leave the mural in place for at least 5 years, but the owner has been unreachable for about 8 months. Jordan has tried going through the property management company as well, tried several numbers and emails with no response. Everything else is lined up, so we’re just waiting on the easement signature to begin.

The Milwaukie Community Center approached us about a mural on their space. They need help with finding an artist. The committee needs to vote on this officially. We do need a photo of the building in order to decide whether or not we can do this.

Carmen from Cha Cha Cha in downtown Milwaukie would like a mural. We need to find out who owns the building and also have a muralist.

Sam asked about the process for finding artists/muralists. We have done a call for artists in the past and have information from that. We can also contact RACC about that.

Sam asked about next steps. Josh wondered if we could pay the post office artist an initial payment for the drafts she's created. Jordan reported that the city is pretty strict about a location being secured before artists sign contracts, but was going to look into what the options are.

Bing in the New Year: Sam recapped the event for the new members.

A local artist has said he can make the sculpture for \$5000. Sam reported that she talked up the event to various city people at the city's Pride event. Ann Ober responded to Sam letting her know that the City will not help with funding, so we have to fundraise or get sponsors.

Sam applied for a grant from Mt Hood Territory. They originally said they weren't doing grants, but they did send info on how to apply for sponsorship from them.

There is an idea for an inflatable cherry as a stop-gap measure, to start the event, and graduate to a sculpture later.

Julie asked if we could enter into contracts as a committee, and Jordan said yes, we can.

Ann said to Sam in her response that they don't have the staffing to do a city event. Discussion ensued over where we might be able to do the event, and whether or not city property could be used if the city doesn't want to be involved.

Sam asked if the city would allow us to run a GoFundMe. We haven't gotten an answer on that, so Jordan is going to check on that again.

CareFree Sunday: Certain roads are shut down and are just for bikes/pedestrians, and various events happen at various locations around town.

The event is August 7, and the city was asking if we would find musicians to play but there is no budget to pay them.

There is discussion about the arts committee sponsoring some activity or event. Perhaps be able to use it as a way to spread info about the bing cherry and Bing in the New Year?

Winter Lights: Paul spoke with Misty from the festival and got a lot of info. He would like to set some time aside at our next meeting to go over that in detail.

Jordan suggested that we talk with some of the empty storefronts in downtown about ways to utilize those spaces.

We would need to find local artists for this. Paul is going to reach out to Becca S. who has been involved in the past at her Milwaukie home.

Jordan is going to send info on local people who have been involved in the past and Paul will reach out to them. Winter Lights People would like for us to find artists and locations and then tell the festival who is doing what and where they will be.

Sustainability Fair: Host a table where people can make trash art or trash puppets. To do this, we need supplies. Julie suggested we contact SCRAP and ask if they can sponsor and/or provide some supplies.

Juneteenth: Arts committee will host a coloring booth. There will be other activities as well!

The city will print the sheets, Sam picked up crayons, colored pencils and washable markers and paints to use.

Tshirts: Sam proposed using money from our account to get Arts Committee shirts so that we look official when we are working at these events. It was decided to do this for the Arts Committee and, if people are asking about them, we can look into selling them.

Meeting Adjourned.