



Meeting Minutes
Feb. 4, 2021

Commission Members Present: Dana Teichart

Commission Members Attending By Video: Amy Cook, Doug Holzrichter, Jan Schmuckal, Tim Vetang, Chazmin Baechler, Kevin Heckman

Commissioners Absent: Kent Gallagher

Staff Present: Cate Tracy, City of Geneva

1. **Call to Order:** Teichart called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **Amendments to Agenda:** Agenda stood as presented.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Schmuckal moved, Baechler seconded to approve minutes. Nov. 5, 2020, minutes stood as presented. (Dec. and Jan. meetings were cancelled.)
4. **Review Financial Reports - Holzrichter**
 - ✚ Current Fund Equity Balance: \$32,615.24. Financial Reports were accepted as presented.
 - ✚ GCAC received a \$100 donation from Carl and Cynthia Albright in Dec. Vetang sent a thank you note.
 - ✚ Vetang announced the City Council elected to provide \$10,000 in funding in FY 2021-22 to GCAC. The funds may only be used for GCAC programs.
5. **Discuss & Approve New Program – Baechler**
 - ✚ Baechler presented a new program idea to celebrate National Black History Month. The program would be a free virtual screening of the documentary, Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am. The members received the program proposal in advance via email. The film would be viewable for 72 hours from Feb. 26-28 with a Zoom panel discussion on Feb. 28 at 4:00 p.m. Event publicity would be done by the City Communications staff and coordinated with SPAC, which is also sponsoring a Black History Month program. The Geneva Public Library has agreed to have a representative on the panel and help publicize the event.
 - ✚ Vetang motioned to approve the film screening as presented at the cost of \$545 for up to 200 viewers. If there is need to expand to 201-500 viewers, an additional \$200 is approved. Seconded by Heckman. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Writing Contest Update – Cook**
 - ✚ Cook reported that the writing contest officially launched Jan. 11 and some outreach has been done to promote the program. To date, three participants have submitted work. Commissioners are encouraged to help with outreach to increase participation. An announcement is on the City and GCAC Facebook pages and can be shared. Cate will email the flyer to members. The Daily Herald highlighted the program in a brief article

on Jan. 31. Three judges have been recruited including a local author and associates with the library and Harvey's Tales. The deadline may be extended if necessary.

7. REPORTS

a. Foundation Update - Holzrichter

✚ The Geneva Foundation for the Arts raised \$5,600 in its year end appeal. They are planning to purchase donor management software, Bloomerang. Their new [Activities and Events](#) webpage highlights the writing contest, Art Under Glass, tentatively planned for March/April, and the Fox River Arts Ramble, June 5 & 6. The Foundation has a goal to have a physical space by June. Holzrichter announced that he was approached by the [Kane Repertory Theatre](#) about sponsoring a performance in summer, 2021. He may present a proposal in the future for the GCAC or Foundation to sponsor the event.

b. **Steeple Walk** – Tentatively Dec., 2021.

c. **Shakespeare in Park** – Tentatively July, 2021.

d. **RiverPark Summer Concert Series** – Tentatively July, 2021.

✚ All performance groups are scheduled to appear in summer 2021. A chair is needed to coordinate the Summer Series.

e. **Geneva Fine Arts Fair Booth – Vetang**

✚ The Geneva Chamber of Commerce is tentatively planning the event for July 24-25, 2021. The GCAC will have a booth in the same location, if the event takes place.

f. **Sculptured Bike Rack** – No report.

g. **Gimme Shelter Bus Stop Art** – No report.

h. **Art on Fire** – Postponed.

8. **Public Comments** – None

9. **Adjourn** – At 7:49 pm, Schmuckal motioned to adjourn, Holzrichter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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March 4, 2021

April 1, 2021

May 6, 2021