

City of Poplar Bluff  
Arts and Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2023

President Phyllis Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30. Other members present were Jan Duffy, Margaret Fletcher, Joshua Allen, and Richard Montgomery.

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

There was no quorum present at the September meeting. Minutes were not presented.

The Bills and Deposits were reviewed.

Committee Reports

Acquisition: No report

Budget: No report

Building and Grounds: Dr. and Mrs. Knoop donated \$25,000 to the Friends. They requested it be used for preservation of the building.

Development: No report

Exhibit Review Panel: Exhibits are booked through 2023.

Personnel: No report

Presidents' Reports

Arts and Advisory: No report

Friends: They received a \$25,000 donation from Dr. and Mrs. Knoop. Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith purchased a lifetime membership to the Friends. The Friends are working toward having a Steve Whitworth's position as director reinstated as full-time.

The Director's Report was presented and reviewed.

Old Business

None

New Business

Margaret Fletcher suggested the Arts Advisory board find a way to network with all the museums in Poplar Bluff. No action was taken. Phyllis Baker asked if the art museum could coordinate with the city for the Plain Air Festival. No action was taken.

Steve Whitworth will work with the Friends to work on the exterior of the museum as requested with the Know donation.

Phyllis moved that Steve be authorized to expend money to obtain climate control for the piano. Margaret seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Duffy, Recording Secretary