



McMahon Memorial Auditorium : Arts and Humanities Committee

**Minutes
 Monthly Meeting
 Arts and Humanities Committee
 a committee of the
 McMahon Auditorium Authority
 May 7, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
 Carnegie Library Town Hall**

Teresa Abram
 (Chair)

Alison Offield
 (Vice Chair)

Melissa Beck
 Leah Chaffins
 Natalie McCabe
 Indie Michaels
 Darius Monroe
 Dr. Charles Owens
 Reginald Ramey
 Max Sasseen

Jason Poudrier
 Arts & Humanities
 Administrator

Andrea Morman
 Deputy Arts &
 Humanities
 Administrator

Michell Rosario
 Arts & Humanities
 Community Events &
 Outreach Coordinator

Haley Moore
 Arts & Humanities
 Digital Media &
 Records Specialist

Reagan Phillips
 Arts & Humanities
 Administrative
 Assistant

Nicholas Sasseen
 Arts & Humanities
 Technical Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – 4:00pm

PRESENT: Abram, Offield, Beck*, McCabe*, Owens

ABSENT: Chaffins, Micheals, Monroe, Ramey, Sasseen

STAFF: Poudrier, Rosario

VERIFY POSTING OF MEETING

Action: Verification of posting time, place, and date

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered to be routine by the Arts and Humanities Committee and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on an item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to action and considered separately.

1. Consider approving minutes from April 2, 2025.
2. Consider approving financial report for April 2025.

Motion by Owens to accept the minutes from April, 2025 and the financial report from April 2025. Second by Offield.

Offield and Owens voted yes. Motion carried.

CHAIR’S REPORT

3. General announcements and updates

Poudrier reported that his office is working on a flyer promoting the cultural awards and art purchase competition to hand out at the Arts for All festival.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Receive reports and take action as necessary.

4. Sub Committees

Rosario reported that she has reached out to the Oklahoma City office for the naturalization ceremony. She reported that she has not received a response yet, but she did send it that day.

Rosario reported that Judge Irwin is still on board to perform the Naturalization Ceremony at the 46th annual International Festival.

Poudrier reported that Food Truck Tuesday at the Farmers Market is still going strong. He reported that Amanda Howle out of Medicine Park was the first April performer. He also reported that the following week they set up a DJ station and that was also well received. Poudrier asked that the committee please be on the lookout for local talent that they can highlight at the Farmers Market Food Truck Tuesday events.

*McCabe and Beck entered.

Poudrier reported that there was a subgranting submission that is wanting to reach out to local school and help them paint crosswalks to encourage safety. Discussion ensued.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. Support staff decisions regarding Carnegie Library Art Classes and take action as necessary.

Poudrier reported that the Carnegie Library Art Classes had to move locations due to the recent April storm damage at the Carnegie Library Town Hall. He reported that the Leslie Powell Gallery have offered to host a few of the classes. He also reported that there is one room still operational at the Carnegie Library Town Hall and they can still hold a few classes there. Poudrier explained that there were a few classes that had zero enrollment and so his office dissolved those classes. He reported that there were a few classes that they are still waiting to see if they make the enrollment goal.

6. Review support needs for Arts for All and take action as necessary.

Poudrier reported on the support needs for the 2025 Arts for All festival and asked the committee if they would be able to help. The majority of the committee are already slated to volunteer.

7. Discuss possible schedules and course offerings for Carnegie Library Art Classes and take action as necessary.

Already discussed.

8. Review any subgrant applications and take action as necessary.

Motion by McCabe to recommend the approval of the Subgranting application for safer and colorful crosswalks and to pay them up to \$1000. Second by Beck.

Offield, Beck, McCabe, and Owens voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS - none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beck announced that the Arts for All Festival will be taking place May 9-11 in Shepler Park.

Abrams announced that Great Plains Technology Center will be hosting a Mother's day Cookie decorating event.

McCabe announced that the Cameron University Theatre Department 25-26 theatre season will consist of *Unity 1918*, Sophocles' *Antigone*, *Frog and Toad*, and a devised production.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:40