

A Regular Meeting of the Arts Council Sub-Committee was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:00PM.

Call to Order

Chair Sebastian called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Present were Sub-Committee Members Carmody, O'Connell, Sengstock, Vanark, and Board Chair Sebastian.

Absent was Sub-Committee Member Schrader & Hemmingway.

Also Present was Program Coordinator, Rawson & Public Members (3): Vikki Overlaw, Library Director Bryonna Barton, and Patrick Mcnutt.

Approval of the Minutes

Committee Member Carmody moved to approve the agenda of April 8, 2025, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Committee Member O'Connell, passed unanimously.

Committee Member O'Connell moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2025, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Committee Member Carmody, passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Director of the Eaton Rapids District Library, Bryonna Barton attended our meeting to discuss participation and partnership with the library's summer programs. Including:

- June 10, 2025: Picnic in the Park
- June 20, 2025: Glowtastic Movie Night (in conjunction with movie in the park)
- July 17, 2025: Tie Dye Palooza
- July 31, 2025: Picasso Theme
- August 8, 2025: End of Summer Foam Party

(Events not yet finalized)

O'Connell and Carmody expressed interest in partnering with and participating in the events.

5. Unfinished Business

5.1. Upcoming Events

Chair Sebastian led the group through the list of upcoming events for the rest of 2025. Sebastian presented the printed foam board that is ready for the Art in the Park project. Several vendors have been secured, including food vendors. The group discussed finding a professional chalk artist for Chalk Fest of July 3, 2025; O'Connell offers to reach out to her contacts. Potential themes for the Scarecrow Contest were discussed.

5.2 Wellhead Protection (WHP) Placemat

Coordinator Rawson led a conversation on plans for a placemat design for the Wellhead Protection (WHP) Placemat to help meet grant requirements and presented a sample activity placemat for reference. Chair Sebastian expressed interest in helping with the design.

5.3 Eaton Rapids Coloring Book

Chair Sebastian presented the final draft for the coloring book pages before printing. Committee member Carmody motioned to vote; seconded by committee member O'Connell, passed unanimously. Looking into MHA printing/printing companies.

5.4 Urban Air Art Show

Chair Sebastian brought up concerns from teachers about the Back to the Future theme with the younger group of students. Committee Member Hemmingway and ERPS Art Department are working with Urban Air to come to a compromise.

6. New Business

6.1 Barton led a discussion asking for help in the design of new vinyl wrapping for the Library Lockers. Committee Member Carmody motioned to move to New Business.

6.1 Committee Member Hemmingway led a discussion on plans for the Urban Air Art Show with ERPS Art Department Teachers. Students PreK-12 will participate in the show. PreK-2nd Grade will work on Centerpieces for the event tent and 3rd-12th Grade will work on pieces for the show itself.

Public Comments

McNutt noticed a need to redo the St Patrick day Pocket Park decorations.

Correspondence

The group discussed the possibility of including a secondary newsletter with the summer events hosted by Art Council in the May paper to help get the word out.

A similar discussion included adding Art Council's Events in the Time Hop Community calendar on the library's page.

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2025 at 6:00PM.

Adjournment

Committee Member Carmody moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.; seconded by Committee Member O'Connell, passed unanimously.