

MINUTES

Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2025

Page Memorial Building

Lake Odessa, Michigan

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Hermes called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.
Present: Melanie Baker, Karen Banks, Meg Hermes, Aurora Rice
Absent: Nancy Mattson, Ty Nurenberg, Elizabeth Stoneman
Visitors: None
Staff: None
2. **Agenda:** Motion by Banks, supported by Hermes, to approve agenda with addition of Artist Discount as item 6.a)10). All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Rice, supported by Baker, to approve minutes of 3/10/2025 regular meeting. All ayes; motion carried.
5. **Finance:**
 - a. Accounts Payable:
 - 1) Motion by Hermes, support by Baker, to approve \$153.01 to Karen Banks for photocopying sponsor letters. All ayes; motion carried.
 - 2) Motion by Hermes, support by Rice, to approve \$516.00 payable to Ionia Party Tent Rentals. All ayes; motion carried.
 - 3) Motion by Baker, support by Rice, to approve \$460.00 payable to Hall's Septic Service. All ayes; motion carried.
6. **Action/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **2025 Art in the Park:**
 - 1) Artists: To date, 66 total applications received, 84 booths purchased, two applications pending approval by jury committee.
 - 2) Entertainment: The 10:15 time slot remains unfilled. Motion by Banks, support by Rice, to approve amount not to exceed \$300 for Caitlin Cusack for a one-hour time slot, or an amount not to exceed \$500 for Caitlin Cusack plus her band. All ayes; motion carried. Baker reported that Steven Shellenbarger is checking with VFW members re: availability for the opening flag ceremony.

- 3) Food Vendors: Banks reported that Taqueria El Azteca has cancelled for this year's Art in the Park.
 - 4) Sponsors: Banks reported solicitation letters have been sent out. Printing of swag bags for artists and etched glassware will be discussed at May meeting.
 - 5) Paid Help: Rice reported that time slots for paid student helpers are starting to fill up. Students with National Honor Society will likely take unfilled slots without expectation of compensation, but as a way to log required service hours.
 - 6) Parking: No report.
 - 7) Mobile ATM: No report.
 - 8) Radios: Motion by Hermes, support by Rice, to rent 12 radios at \$12 each from Chrouh Communications for a total cost of \$144. All ayes; motion carried.
 - 9) Kids' Zone: Rice will coordinate planning with Stoneman and report back at the May meeting.
 - 10) Artist Discount: Banks asked for clarification re: the \$15 discount for artists who were left out of the 2024 Visitors Guide. Consensus was that \$15 will only be paid to artists who have applied and been approved for the 2025 show.
- b. **Mural Project:** Motion by Hermes, support by Rice, to approve written proposal from artist Dan Arens, including \$2,000 downpayment. All ayes; motion carried. Banks reported she has submitted grant applications to the Power of Women Giving group and Consumers Energy.

7. Adjournment: Without objection, meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Banks, Secretary/Treasurer