

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
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CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Kueng called the Museum Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Kueng

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	President	Chris Kueng
	Board Member	Shannon Gerstheimer
		Jerry Weems
		Christian Garcia
	Council Liaison	Debra Porada
	Museum, Arts & Culture Director	Marissa Kuccheck
	Museum Manager	Carolyn Oakes
	Administrative Assistant	Veronica Padilla
ABSENT:	Board Member	Rick Caughman
	Executive Director	Helen McAlary
	Museum Associate Liaison	Leslie Sherwood-James

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 23, 2024, minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote with a motion from Board Member Shannon Gerstheimer and a second from Board Member Christian Garcia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DEBRA Porada

Council Liaison Debra Porada communicated to the board about the construction of downtown Ontario.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Report

Museum, Arts & Culture Director, Marissa Kuccheck

Director Kuccheck went over the attendance from the previous year for January and February 2023 and 2024.

Exhibitions: Director Kuccheck highlighted the work that the team put into *Conduit*. The Exhibition team worked with many artists as well as other divisions to prepare the exhibition.

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Director Kuceck discussed the joint exhibition with Chaffey Community Museum of Art (CCMA) which will have a focused title of *Art of Healing* with the Ontario Museum of History & Art's subtitle being *Holistic Expressions* and CCMA's subtitle being *Highlights from the San Antonio Hospital Collection*.

Education: Director Kuceck went over programs from this past month; *Studio Saturday: Valentine Paintings*, *First Thursdays: Black Art History*, *Artist Discussions*, and *Mindful Art Making*.

Director Kuceck provided an update on the California Association of Museums (CAM) conference that many individuals were able to attend. Curator of Education Mariam Valle-Mancilla from the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Director of Education Leslie Matamoros from The Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation for Arts and Crafts, and Marci Boudreau from Picnic Designs presented on behalf of the Ontario Museum of History & Art.

Collections: Director Kuceck gave an update on the Collections team inventory process. Curator of Collections, Michelle Sifuentes, has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Western Museum Association.

Personnel changes: Director Kuceck went over the addition of three new Museum Assistants in the Education division. There will also be two new Museum Attendants added to the roster who will tend to the front desk.

Field Trip: Director Kuceck explained the reasoning for the Board field trip to the Benton Museum; to see what is liked/disliked when it comes to Capital Improvement projects.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Elections: President Chris Kueng opened nominations for Board President. Board Member Jerry Weems re-nominated President Kueng. By a unanimous vote, President Kueng was re-elected. President Kueng decided to postpone nomination for President Pro-Tem due to the absence of Board Member Rick Caughman.

Museum Banning: Director Kuceck reviewed the code of conduct for the Ontario Museum of History & Art, which includes a banning procedure. Recently an individual was banned from the Museum and its grounds, and the ban was appealed by the individual. Director Kuceck will issue a letter back to the individual with a denial of their appeal. They may decide to appeal to the board.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS

MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

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President Chris Kueng thanked Director Kuchek and City Council Liaison Porada for their continued support.

Board Member Shannon Gerstheimer thanked Director Kuchek for her Report and applauded the number of connections being built.

Board Member Jerry Weems expressed his gratitude towards Director Kuchek and her ability to lead.

Board Member Christian Garcia explained his appreciation for *Built on Water and Conduit*.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Historic Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Christian Garcia with a second by Board Member Jerry Weems with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Submitted:



Veronica Padilla
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:


4/23/2024

Chris Kueng
President

