

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Kueng called the Museum Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Kueng

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	President	Chris Kueng
	Board Member	Rick Caughman
		Jerry Weems
		Christian Garcia
	Council Liaison	Debra Porada
	Museum, Arts & Culture Director	Marissa Kuchek
	Assistant Curator	Samantha Herrera
	Museum Curator	Miriam Valle-Mancilla
	Administrative Assistant	Veronica Padilla
ABSENT:	Board Member	Shannon Gerstheimer
	Executive Director	Helen McAlary
	Museum Associates Liaison	Leslie Sherwood-James

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 23, 2024, minutes were approved by a 3-0 vote with a motion from Board Member Christian Garcia and a second from Board Member Jerry Weems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DEBRA PORADA

Council Liaison Debra Porada communicated the changes happening in Downtown Ontario.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Report

Museum, Arts & Culture Director, Marissa Kuchek

Director Kuchek went over division updates:

The Exhibits team closed the *Conduit* exhibition. They are now working on the next exhibition, *Art of Healing* that is in collaboration with Chaffey Community Museum of Art.

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The Collections team was part of the Noche de los Niños event where they showed a collection of toys they have in the vault. They also finished inventory of the Biane collection. The Education team hosted programs on the Museum grounds. Including a paint night and an Earth Day event.

Director Kuchek talked about the most recent festival, Culture Fest. It was a joint collaboration with Chaffey Community Museum of Art where they raffled tickets for the winners to receive artwork following a pinata bust.

Director Kuchek also talked about the American Alliance of Museums conference that was attended by Museum employees.

Staff Report

Assistant Curator, Samantha Herrera

Assistant Curator Samantha Herrera presented on the new exhibition, *The Art of Healing: Holistic Expressions*. This is a joint exhibition with Chaffey Community Museum of Art with their title, *The Art of Healing: Highlights from the San Antonio Hospital Collection*. The exhibition focuses on how healing has been brought to our area through art.

Randall Lewis Health & Policy Fellow, Jean Wang

Randall Lewis Fellow, Jean Wang present on how art can specifically serve community wellness from a museum standpoint. Randall Lewis Fellow Wang worked closely with Museum Curator Valle-Mancilla to develop surveys that were provided to the public after visiting the Ontario Museum of History & Art.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS

None.

MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

President Kueng expressed his enjoyment of Culture Fest and commends the fact that the Ontario Museum of History & Art is making connections outside of the Museum.

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Board Member Caughman thanked Assistant Curator Herrera and Randall Lewis Fellow Wang for their presentations and the amount of work that they put in.

Board Member Jerry Weems is looking forward to seeing work by the artists in the *Art of Healing* exhibition. Board Member Weems also enjoyed the presentation given by Randall Lewis Fellow Wang.

Board Member Christian Garcia expressed that he had a great time during Culture Fest.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Historic Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Rick Caughman with a second by Board Member Jerry Weems with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Submitted:



Veronica Padilla
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Chris Kueng
President