



Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 16th, 2022
12:00 PM Martin County Arts Council
Minutes

PRESENT

Chase Conner, Jeremiah Taylor, Judy Wobbleton, Ila Parker, Walter Whitfield, Dean McCall, Cameron Braddy

CALL TO ORDER

Chase Conner called the meeting to order at 12:00.

MINUTES

No minutes from previous meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jeremiah presented the financial reports for the last 3 months. We had 3 new memberships. Williamston Downtown's account was used for the receipt of sponsor money for the Williamston Tour of Lights Christmas event. This sponsor money was used for the prize money for the winners so no net loss. Total balance as of 2/16/22 was \$21,641.87.

MAJOR UPDATES

Downtown Planner Position Still Available

Downtown to River Corridor

Cameron will be researching prices for banners/signs for the river district and downtown and will bring those to the next meeting.

Disc Golf Project

The owner of several parcels of property down by the river has expressed interest in donating the land to Williamston Downtown. Several community organizations have agreed to donate money to Williamston Downtown for the installation of a Disc Golf course. Chase Connor has also applied for several grants that could be used for this project. Cameron has reached out to EPA and NCDEQ to gather information about the Brownfield status of the property and is awaiting an update to ensure that the use would be consistent with the allowed uses and to be sure that WDI would not be responsible for any further cleanup or testing requirements. Cameron has also checked with the NC Main Street Program who said WDI is eligible to receive and improve property. No decision was made at this meeting however, once we hear back from EPA and DEQ, WDI Board members would need to vote to receive the property if interested. Once the

course is installed, our thoughts are to give the land to the Town of Williamston for upkeep and maintenance, mowing, etc.

MARTIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

African American Artists Display is up

3/26 at 6:00 PM – Bluegrass Group NuBlu will be performing. \$15 tickets.

4/9 Dinner and Auction “Dueling Auction” – \$50 tickets for fundraiser. Georgia Deans will be catering.

WOMAN’S CLUB

Brenda Holliday was not present however, Dean McCall was present who gave a Women’s Health talk at their last meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE

Window improvements are underway and are to be completed this year around the beginning of summer. Approximately 45 windows will be repaired or replaced.

They have updated their website and includes an online shop to buy all ornaments, accept donations, and more.

Their facility is still available to rent out for events.

DISCUSSION

Chase has accepted the position of Martin County Tourism Director and will begin on March 1st, 2022.

Walter Whitfield mentioned investing in signs welcoming military personnel when they come through town. US 17 was designated a military highway connecting several military installations between NC and VA.

ADJOURNMENT

We adjourned at 12:40 PM.