

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Kueng called the Museum Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:11 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Kueng

ROLL CALL

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| PRESENT: | President | Chris Kueng |
| | Board Member | Christian Garcia |
| | | Jerry Weems |
| | | Rick Caughman |
| | | Shannon Gerstheimer |
| | Council Liaison | Debra Porada |
| | Museum, Arts & Culture Director | Marissa Kuchek |
| | Museum Manager | Carolyn Oakes |
| | Assistant Curator of Exhibits | Samantha Herrera |
| | Administrative Assistant | Veronica Padilla |

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| ABSENT: | Executive Director of Community Life & Culture Museum Associates Liaison | Helen McAlary Leslie Sherwood-James |
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 27, 2024, minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote with a motion from Board Member Christian Garcia and a second from President pro Tem Shannon Gerstheimer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DEBRA PORADA

City Council Liaison Debra Porada mentioned that the planning for the Ontario Arts Festival has been going great. City Council Liaison Porada also mentioned that the City of Ontario will be creating their own animal shelter.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Report

Museum, Arts & Culture Director, Marissa Kuchek

Director Kuchek went over attendance for August. Director Kuchek also went over division updates:

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Collections: The George Chaffey bust was on loan to the Chaffey Community Museum of Art and due to renovations, the Ontario Museum of History & Art retrieved the bust to return to their collection. The Chaffey bust was moved to the Ontario Museum of History & Art's offsite collection storage so that it can be assessed for conservation. The Collections team also started inventory in *Gem of the Foothills*.

There was a discussion on where to place the Chaffey bust once it has been reviewed. A few of the places were *Gem of the Foothills*, the Granada Theater, the Ontario Airport, and possibly replicas in the Museum Store.

Education: The Education team invited staff, volunteer docents, and board members to a California Citrus Grove tour in Riverside, California to be educated on providing tours to the public. The Education team also put on a First Thursday and Studio Saturday event. They are also participating in outreach, such as Kinderfair.

Exhibits: The Exhibits team held an event in the fourth gallery called *Healing Circle with Denise Silva*. The Exhibits team is also working on the *Día de los Muertos* and the *Mission Gráfica* exhibition.

CLC Con: Director Kuchek explained that the Community Life & Culture (CLC) Agency put on a convention for all agency members where they were able to present and attend a conference.

Art Bridges: The Ontario Museum of History & Art received a grant from Art Bridges called *Collaboration for On-Going Visitor Studies (COVES)*. Director Kuchek explained that the grant will be used to collect surveys from museum guests.

Staff Report

Assistant Curator of Exhibits, Samantha Herrera presented on the annual *Día de los Muertos* exhibition, called *Healing & Remembrance* since it is alongside the *Art of Healing* exhibition. Assistant Curator, Herrera went over all artists that will be exhibiting this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Kuchek presented the findings from the August meeting. Director Kuchek went over the updated strategic plan for the Ontario Museum of History & Art.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS

None.

MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Board Member Christian Garcia shared that Assistant Curator Herrera did a great job on her presentation.

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Board Member Jerry Weems commented that he is looking forward to the Ontario Arts Festival. He also congratulated President Kueng on 25 years on the Museum Board of Trustees.

Board Member Rick Caughman would like to know if we could see the exhibit schedule a year in advance. Board Member Caughman also congratulated President Kueng on 25 years on the Museum Board of Trustees.

President pro Tem Shannon Gerstheimer shared her excitement for the Ontario Arts Festival. President pro Tem Gerstheimer would also be happy to collaborate on the strategic plan. She also congratulated President Kueng on 25 years on the Museum Board of Trustees.

President Chris Kueng thanked all board members for their congratulatory comments. President Kueng commented on the Museum Associates retreat; they had this last weekend and enjoyed that they are working on a Mission, Vision, & Values.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Historic Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Caughman with a second by Board Member Weems with a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Submitted:



Veronica Padilla
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Chris Kueng
President