

The current gallery exhibit, the solo exhibition by Jordan Grimes, is very popular and is a must-see. He is the winner of the Fresh Ideas competition through the Visual Art League.

The Park Plaza was set to host the upcoming Sounds of Lewisville concerts, but due to the weather and significant rain, plans are to host them in the courtyard as per previous years until the grass is able to properly root.

Review of Applications, Discussion and Action regarding Recommendations for Arts Funding for FY 2015-2016

(Agenda Item 4)

After careful review of the applications, the board noted the following regarding some of the individual organizations:

Greater Lewisville Community Theatre - This organization still does not have anyone on their board that lives in Lewisville. This is the third time they have not put a Lewisville resident on their board. They have requested \$50,000; last year they received \$36,000.

The board unanimously appreciates and enjoys this organization but needs to make a point for them to get a Lewisville resident on their board.

Expressions Performing Arts (Our Productions Theatre Co.) - Many of their documents submitted were illegible and difficult to read. Their insurance (attachment 5) does not list the City of Lewisville; this must be changed.

On their cover page, they request \$12,000 but on later documentation they request \$8,000.

Visual Arts League - the board saw a very good improvement over last year and seems to have taken the board's direction well. They are concerned that they have requested 50% of their entire budget.

Lewisville Civic Chorale – on their cover page, they request \$5,700, but on later documentation they request \$3,500.

Lakeside Arts Foundation – The required IRS 990 form, Insurance Certificate, and minutes of a board meeting were not included in the packet. The board noted that the organization's grant application was not submitted by the designated date. As to why the grant was not submitted on time, James Wear informed the board that they City's website, which is not updated by him but by someone else in the department, indicated that the due date was May 19th, which was an error. Upon submission, the application was incomplete; James informed her of this and she brought in the corrections the following day.

The board noted that Lakeside Arts Foundation also did not sign the authorization form. The City has discussed taking over logistics of the Chalk This Way festival beginning next year, due to not enough of the organization's focus being on the arts portion of the festival.

James Wear stated he had discussed with Christi Martin what the organization would need in terms of funding should the City take over that aspect of the festival; she has not yet gotten back with him on the dollar amount.

Brenda Crawford suggested that since she has not been compliant with the regimen that other arts grantees follow, she should work with the City and city council; the council should then tell the board what amount of funding the organization should be granted. The original funding was set up as a project grant for one time only.

The Chalk This Way festival is a one-time event, where as the other organizations are putting on events/shows multiple times throughout the year. The funding of the one-time event feels “out of place”.

This festival is outdoors, and planned during the spring, with heavy City funding. Historically, it has been rained out two out of the three years it has taken place, leaving it “a bust”, and their \$11,000 grant monies “thrown out” due to inclement weather.

67% of their funding comes from HOT funds.

The committee unanimously voted to not grant Lakeside Arts Foundation funding for the FY 2015-2016; this was decided as nothing the organization does complies with the other kinds of standards that apply to the other organizations.

Using calculations based upon scoring percentages, and funding requests, the raw results for the arts grants funding totals were as follows:

Actors Conservatory Theatre: \$35,245 (asking for \$38,000)
Greater Lewisville Community Theatre: \$31,125 (asking for \$34,000)
Lakeside Arts Foundation: \$2,677 (asking for \$11,000)
LakeCities Ballet Theatre: \$40,425 (asking for \$42,000)
Lewisville Civic Chorale: \$4,617 (asking for \$5,700)
Lewisville Lake Symphony: \$42,637 (asking for \$45,000)
Expressions Performing Arts dba Our Productions Theatre Co: \$8,437 (asking for \$12,500)
Visual Art League: \$7,999 (asking for \$9,000)

After compiling the information from the applications, and careful discussion, the board made their final recommendations for arts grants funding, which are as follows:

Actors Conservatory Theatre: \$35,245
Greater Lewisville Community Theatre: \$34,000
Lakeside Arts Foundation: No funding
LakeCities Ballet Theatre: \$41,000
Lewisville Civic Chorale: \$4,617

Lewisville Lake Symphony: \$41,000
Expressions Performing Arts dba Our Productions Theatre Co: \$5,000
Visual Art League: \$7,500

Adjournment

(Agenda Item 6)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Pasty Roe and seconded by Peggy Atkerson, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting of the Arts Advisory Board at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Gene Carey, Chairman

PREPARED BY:

Jill Moffitt
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