



A Grand Vision for the Heartland

Grow Grand Island Arts & Humanities Committee Meeting

Date*Time*Location 9-7-17 * 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM * Tom Dinsdale Autos	Recommendation Number and Name Arts and Humanities Committee
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Attending: Tammy Morris, Charity Adams, Ralph Brown,,Don Deitemeyer, Charity LaBrie, L.J. McCormick, Brad Mellema, Karen Nepl, Susan Nickerson, Curt Vodehnal.
 Guests: Harold Ruetter (The Independent), Bob Bjorklund, Patrick Hennessey (schoolfundraising.com), Daniel Luciano (schoolfundraising.com)
 Presenter: L.J. McCormick, State of Music in Schools

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHEN
Introductions	The group introduced themselves and made announcements.	None	n/a
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jim Salestrom at the Wood River Performing Arts Center Sept. 17th - Karen Nepl has 3 hearts in the Nebraska by Heart project which go up for auction the first Friday in October. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Tammy or Karen. - The Aurora Artwalk is September 16th in Aurora from 10am-4pm on the downtown square. - 		
Presentation: Sarah Carlson-Brown, Director of Education at Nebraska Shakespeare	<p>L.J. McCormick presented about the state of music in the schools. The focus was not on a specific GI school, but an overall perspective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The following forms of music currently exist: choir, show choir, concert band, marching band, orchestra, jazz ensemble, madrigal choir and support for individual music efforts not school sponsored. - There is 1 band teacher per school which is a high student-teacher ratio - 520 kids in GI are involved in music - There is 2 vocal and 1 instrumental teacher - It is a traveling teacher system in GI and it is the same in Lincoln - Schools assist with the basics of instruction, instruments and uniforms and can assist students with instruments if financial resources are an issue. Student and parents groups do fundraising activities for everything else. - Most schools have a fine arts booster club - There is more music offerings today than when L.J. was in school - There are classes on jazz/blues and music history. There is a well-rounded curriculum - GI Northwest has received national recognition and GISH won the Harvest of Harmony Parade of 125 bands - The quality of performances by students is here with a high level of instruction. - There is good community interest and support - GI schools support each other - There is a lot of good info and promotion on social media platforms about student music performances 	None	n/a

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2017, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Tom Dinsdale Auto, 2nd Floor Community Meeting Room Topic: Public Art in Grand Island

Volunteer Hours: 22 hours