

Minutes
COMMISSION ON THE ARTS
Council Chambers
City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue
Monday, January 7, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Steve Sullivan. Members present were Deanne Brill, Tom Lockhart, Jason Paull, and Natalie Robinson. Staff member Tasheik Kerr was also present.

Public Forum

No one was present for Public Forum.

Approval of the November 5, 2018 Minutes

Deanne noted the November 5 Meeting Minutes should have stated that the Ames International Orchestra Festival Association (AIOFA) would be celebrating its fiftieth season instead of its fifth season.

Moved by Jason, seconded by Tom, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018, meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Grant Recommendations

Steve reviewed the Annual Grant recommendation process. He noted the Commissioners selected an amount of funding for each organization based on the organization's presentation and application. The recommended amounts were then averaged. Steve added that he chose to award the same amount the organizations received last year in order to keep the special project grant reserve healthy. There was also no significant increase or decrease in an organization's funding.

Moved by Jason, seconded by Tom, to allocate the funding as presented.

2019-2020 COTA Annual Grant Recommendations

Organization	Final Rec. Amount
ACTORS	\$17,177
AIOFA	\$ 9,760
Ames Chamber Artists	\$ 4,048
Ames Children's Choirs	\$13,770
Ames Choral Society	\$3,878
ACAC	\$10,391
Ames Chapter of DMMOG	\$1,225
CIS	\$9,474
CoMotion Dance	\$3,000
Good Company	\$1,950
ICA	\$6,054
KHOI	\$3,000
Kids CoMotion	\$3,000
Octagon Center for the Arts	\$47,220

Story Theater Company	11,251
Town & Gown	18,140

Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Grant Paragraph Assignments

Steve announced that the Commission submits brief paragraphs about the organizations along with its Annual Grant recommendations. Commission members were assigned the following organizations.

Natalie	Jason	Steve	Tom	Deanne
ACTORS	Ames Children's Choirs	Ames Chapter of Des Moines Metro Opera Guild	India Cultural Association	The Octagon Center for the Arts
AIOFA	Ames Choral Society	Central Iowa Symphony Association	KHOI	Story Theater Company
Ames Chamber Artists	Ames Community Arts Council	Co'Motion Dance Theater Good Company	Kids Co 'Motion	Ames Town and Gown

Tom volunteered to attend the February 12 City Council Budget Wrap-Up Meeting.

Upcoming Important Dates

Steve reminded the Commission that its paragraphs are due on January 11, 2019. He also announced that the Annual Grant Funding Recommendations will be posted at City Hall on January 11, 2019, and the Fall 2018 Special Project Grant Final Reports are due on January 15, 2018. The next COTA meeting has been scheduled for February 4, 2019.

Jason announced that he would not be applying for re-appointment.

Adjournment

Jason moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.