



## CYRUS DALLIN ART MUSEUM Minutes



Date: Tuesday, June 9 2020  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Members present: Sarah Burks, Co-Chair, Tracy Skahan, Susan Gilbert, Annemarie Delaunay-Danizio, Chris Costello, Ellen Aamodt, Dan Johnson  
Others present: Chuck Luca, Heather Leavell, Molly Harper, Mark DeCew

### Minutes

#### 1. Executive Order on Remote Participation

S. Burks reviewed the Executive Order on Remote Participation

#### 2. Directors' Update:

H. Leavell reported that we are postponing budget discussion until next month and that she is working on getting membership renewals out this month.

D. Johnson, through H. Leavell, submitted an anti-racism statement for the trustees to review. The Board wants to add their voice regarding what is going on in society during this time. H. Leavell discussed statement and the reason behind it and that it was based on thoughts of what Dallin would do at a time like this. Discussed what type of action items to include to give the statement more weight.

We went through and asked each participant their individual thoughts on the statement.

S. Burks mentioned that the Select Board voted on a resolution and that Town Hall going to put a Black Lives Matter banner up. They are also going to host four events. Human rights commission having program tonight.

D. Johnson said that good points made by everyone. H. Leavell would like to get an idea of action items. M. Harper indicated that we should do

something tangible and put out a commitment instead of action items at this time – so we can think through specific action items. C. Luca mentioned - how do we reach out with Dallin's message in diversity to others and examples of what can we do (scholarship, etc.). S. Burks noted that a The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints made a statement and asked if Springville Museum put out statement.

Discussion generally about Dallin's art and how it is accepted by some and not others. Maybe as part of our commitment we are going to explore this history of his art and what it solicits from people today. Being aware and sensitive to people's perspective. S. Burks mentioned that this is along the lines of our mission statement. H. Leavell indicated that we want to explore more as part of our next steps and as an action item, invite people to do interpretive text for us in the museum. S. Burks agreed to continue refining this – not to wait too long to issue – but to take a bit more time before we issue statement. H. Leavell will keep working on it and will share final version with a few trustees.

M. Harper mentioned the timeline and steps to follow on mission statement. S. Burks proposed two options: (i) wait until next month or (ii) assemble a subcommittee to work on statement and issue. S. Burks will reach out to J. McGough and get his opinion.

### **3. Collections/Curatorial:**

C. Costello is going to work on Paul Revere panel 7 and have ready by August 11.

Don Tremblay hung Village Road Auvers-sur-oise, France painting in the museum for us.

### **4. Operations/Facilities:**

H. Leavell said that we will be responsible for coming up for a plan for re-opening and that if need help, we can go through the board of health. M. DeCew shared a document that he prepared for the re-opening/safety plan. M. Harper suggested having different options for reservations since most people are walk-ins. S. Burks noted that in summer/fall that we get quite a bit of visitors. M. DeCew suggested a clockwise rotation – one group in at a time, keep one gallery distance, docent outside, etc. H. Leavell said that the town is printing graphics for businesses to post that they need to wear masks. S. Burks noted that having someone outside could be problematic once the park is under construction. H. Leavell said our strategy should be to limit to being opened on just Saturday and Sunday for now since we will have extra docent support. M. Harper said that we should set date open when we have a specific amount of docents available. M. DeCew had further suggestions for reopening – cleaning handles – things people touch (gift shop, pens, etc.) – keep bathrooms closed – have hand sanitizer and masks available. S. Burks

mentioned getting freestanding touchless hand sanitizer. H. Leavell said that the town would be putting hand sanitizer stations around town and that she will ask them about those. H. Leavell also noted that the park project going to coincide with Arlington sidewalk project.

**5. Review of Minutes:**

E. Aamodt made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020 as corrected. C. Costello seconded. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**6. Volunteers' Report:**

No report since closed.

**7. Events Calendar**

Postponed until next meeting

**8. Marketing/Publicity**

Postponed until next meeting

**9. New/Old Business**

Postponed until next meeting

**10. Review of Action Items**

S. Gilbert reviewed and will distribute accordingly.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00pm