

**William Bonifas Fine Arts Center  
Board of Trustee Annual Meeting  
Thursday, October 19, 2017**

*Founded in 1974, the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center is a comprehensive art organization. With a commitment to excellence in its exhibits, education, performances, facilities, events and other activities, the Center exists to enhance and inspire the cultural and creative lives of the people in the Central Upper Peninsula*

**Present-President:** Marnie Anderson  
**Treasurer:** Tom Knoll  
**Board Members:** Tom Englund, Beth Noreus, and Al Hansen  
**Staff:** Sue Roll, Pasqua Warstler  
**Excused Absence:** Lynn Soderberg, Laura Robinson  
**Member/Volunteers:** 5 were in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Marnie Anderson; with recognition of Seconded by Tom Knoll

**Member and Contributors:** 390 (+30 from 2016)

**Independent Accountants' Review Report:** Schneider, Larche, Haapala & Co., PLLC reviewed financial statements and reported that they were in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Operating Budget has been flat over 5 years.

**Year in Review:** Pasqua provided a powerpoint which highlighted the following areas:

***Education Highlights:***

Youth Programming, Fourth Grade Field Trips, Toddler Art, 4-H Spin Club, Missoula Children's Theater, Culinary Events, Teen and Studio arts, Community Service & Special Interest Groups, Art on Demand and Artist Level Workshops

***Gallery Highlights:***

No BS or BFA, Youth in Art, Park Art (selected children's' art work now on display at Ludington Park Pavilion), The Inspiring UP Photography Exhibit and Competition, The Bonifas Membership Show, Wooden Boats Afloat

***Building Arts and Culture throughout the Upper Peninsula:***

Art Prize Pre-Show on Mackinac Island, collaboration with Delta County and St Ignace Convention and Visitors Bureau and UP Arts and Culture Alliance Team

***Events in Review:***

Waterfront Art Show, Cabaret Now (Now Friday Night Live!), Artist Rummage Sale, Auction for the Arts, Music Mondays, Superior String Alliance and North Coast Chamber Player Concerts

***New Fly System*** was installed as well as new stage curtains

**Recognition of our Volunteers and Major Contributors:**

Special recognition of the following volunteers was given for their many years and hours of donated time to the Bonifas. Larry Leffel, Joann Biallas Leffel, Jane Watson, Phyliss Fluery. Acknowledgement of major contributors/ benefactors this year was given to The Ray and Peg Hirvonen Foundation and Robert Sedenburgh.

**Updates for 2018:** Marnie provided information on the transition that will be occurring as Pasqua moves from a full time position to half time with added responsibilities added to Susan's role.

Tim Wilson is leaving the board after serving 2 full terms. Laura Robinson, Beth Noreus and Al Hansen are new board members.

Susan discussed our mission and 2 key areas that will continue to be a focus in 2018: Community Needs and Strengthening our Partnerships. Focus this year will be continuing to expand to our elders, disabled, music concerts and bringing the arts out to our Delta County communities. The City of Escanaba and CUPPAD are now recognizing that the Art Center is an economic force and new and existing partnership will continue to be enhanced.

**Question/Answer:** None

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:55 p.m. by Tom Englund and Seconded by Tom Knoll.**

**Recorder:** Beth Noreus