

# HUB COMMITTEE MEETING

February 27, 2020

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## In Attendance:

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**Committee Members Present:** Chairperson, Ann Smith, Larry Chapman, Rick Shew

**Others Present:** Mayor Janet Winkler, Town Manager, Rebecca Bentley, HUB Steering Committee Member, Kathy Carroll, Town Clerk, Tammy Swanson and HUB Manager, Janice Woodie

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## Discuss Veterans Art Program:

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Kathy Carroll stated that she is representing Suzette Bradshaw, Director of the Arts Council, in presenting the idea of starting a Veterans Art Program at the HUB. Kathy commented that art programs for veterans are rare, and these type of programs are typically done at veterans hospitals as a part of the healing process for veterans. The programs offered would involve healing arts, guitar, writing, visual arts (painting), etc, and Suzette is already getting inquiries from veterans about the programs. Kathy stated that Suzette is interested in trying the program for one year, and she requested June 2020 through June 2021.

Kathy stated that Suzette is interested in the room beside the "Jan Karon Room." Kathy commented that this program does not have money in hand; however, the program has the potential of bringing a lot of people to the HUB.

Janice stated that she does not have an issue with the HUB housing this type of program. She stated that she has talked with Janet about this program being held at the HUB, and they believe it could be tried for a year to see how it works. If during that year we should need the space, we could see how the program is running and possibly move it to another room. Janice commented that the use of just one room should not be a problem.

Kathy commented that Suzette will not be in the classroom all the time. She will just be in the room when classes are being taught.

Janice commented that the JAM program does bring "life" to the HUB, and she believes this program could bring in "life" too!

The group discussed the possibility of getting grants to help fund this type of program. Ann commented that the fact that we are a town hurts some of the chances for grants. As a general rule, arts councils do in-kind services instead of paying rent. Their funding typically comes from private donations. Ann stated that having this type of program could help find people to rent some of our space upstairs, and it could also bring in people interested in volunteering with our events.

Rick asked what the room needs to be ready to occupy.

Janice stated that the room needs painting, but painting is already in the budget. It has adequate heating, air and lighting. So, there is nothing major that has to be done to have it ready.

Rick asked if grants were available for fixing the spaces to rent.

Kathy stated that capital grants are not available through art. Kathy added that Suzette and Janice have a good working relationship, and they can decide together what programs need to be brought in for veterans.

Larry commented that the Town would be paying utilities, etc. for the space; however, he would support a one-year trial of this program with the Town having an option to end when necessary.

**Motion: (Larry Chapman/Rick Shew) to approve a one year Veterans' Art Program with the Caldwell County Arts Council (June 2020 – June 2021) with Janice coordinating use of the room with the Arts Council. Unanimously approved.**

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### Hours of Operation – HUB Station:

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Rebecca asked if we have set hours for the HUB to be open for the tenants.

Janice stated that the HUB is available for the tenants 24 hours a day – 7 days a week.

Rick commented that HUB Station is not just a public place now, but we have tenants involved and sometimes they need to work late hours with their business. He added that the chances of someone being in the building after midnight are not real likely, but occasionally it may be necessary for a new business.

Rebecca stated that her concern is that our Police Department looks after the building after hours, and they do not know all of the tenants.

Rick stated that if we set hours of availability for the HUB for our tenants, it could discourage interest in renting space to start up a business. He commented again that sometimes starting up a business can take a lot of work late at night, and they need their space available to them.

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### Update on Music School at HUB Station:

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Ann stated that David Abernethy, leader of the Puddingstone band, is very interested in renting space upstairs in Building A to teach Puddingstone-type music. David is planning to begin with Fife and Drum Corps lessons, a recording studio, Irish Step Dance, and a swing band. Ann stated that according to David, he has people lined up to teach strings, etc., and he is very excited about starting the school. Ann added that she will be meeting with David again very soon to further discuss his plans.

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### Update on Jan Karon Room:

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Ann stated that the Jan Karon event is planned for June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and Jan's daughter has been inquiring about when the room will be ready.

Janice stated that the main thing to be done is painting, and she expects that to be finished by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ann stated that for the first day of the Jan Karon event, Puddingstone will be playing, and the Fife and Drum Corps will be playing for the opening.

Rebecca stated that Carl White's program featuring Jan Karon is scheduled to show in mid-March.

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### Discuss Request from South Caldwell ROTC Program to use HUB Gym:

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Larry presented a request from the Legion Post on behalf of the South Caldwell ROTC to use the gym space at the HUB to practice shooting. Larry stated that pellets would be used of bullets of course, and since the gym is used for teaching archery, they thought it might be a good place for this as well.

Rick stated that this type of training, even using pellets, would need to be done at a properly equipped shooting range. The gym is not a properly equipped facility for shooting. Rick added that even outdoor shooting ranges have to meet certain standards, one being having a dirt bank to shoot against.

Rebecca suggested that the ROTC talk with the Sheriff's Dept. about using some of the ranges they use.

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Discuss Bob Timberlake Event:

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Ann stated that the Bob Timberlake event is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Ann stated that she is going to be doing the planning with Mr. Timberlake's family. She added that this will be a ticketed event by invitation.

Kathy stated that it will probably be handled much the same as the Italian Dinner event.

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Discuss Butterfly Festival Art Contest:

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Rebecca discussed some of the plans for the Butterfly Festival Art Contest. The art submitted could be anything from sculpture to drawings, but will not include photography. The art is to be of a butterfly or butterflies, or nature with butterflies. The size of the drawings should not exceed 11" x 14" so that it will fit our wall system display.

Janice commented that the display system has not been installed, and she is not sure how many pictures can be displayed.

Ann stated that she thinks the contest should be limited to children.

Rebecca stated that she would like for the contest to include adults. She stated that she believes this would bring people to the HUB to see the art and hopefully stay for the concert after the festival. She added that HCDA would be providing prizes for the winners, and may also be willing to provide refreshments. Rebecca stated that she plans to talk with HCDA about the art contest at their next meeting.

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Adjournment:

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**Motion: (Larry Chapman/Rick Shew) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.**

  
Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk