

Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from October 14, 2014

In attendance: Mona Parry
Ron Stapleton
Emily J.B. Christian
Eric Hawrysz
S. M. Bruce
Kate Rutledge
Guest: Ken Sieler, Nick Greanias, and Randy Vick

Old Business

The September minutes were accepted by Emily and seconded by Kate. The contribution account balance is \$26,023.46 and the budget account has \$937.

There is no new information on our pursuit of the 501c3 by Eric or Kate, but Christine from the Village will attend a meeting in the future.

The commission held a Yarn Bomb on October 10. Sue will continue to wrap the trees as more yarn donations become available.

The Recognition Day for the Center's volunteers was held. Thirteen people attended. The theme for the event was the Japanese culture.

The Painting Jam will be moved to the spring.

The mural "There comes a Time . . ." dedication is scheduled for October 18 at 11:00 a.m. Mona invited the Village officials, Bonus Electric, and the financial donors.

Mona will call the Historical Society in an attempt to determine the Lee Anderson family's wishes about the carved birds.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated that there is a possibility of a new brewery opening downtown along with a restaurant.

Art Organizations – The Guild is hosting a speaker, Richard Ainsworth, on Edward Hopper and Winslow Homer at their October meeting.

Eric stated that Night Blue is in negotiations with the new managing company for their site.

School Liaison – Mona will coordinate the *Art Explore* with Oakwood and River Valley schools utilizing the Target Grant.

Fundraising – open position

Grants – Kate stated that there is no new information.

Artist of the Month – Heather is coordinating, but there will not be any during the months of November and December due to the *Holiday Bazaar*.

Social Media – Eric has been updating Word Press and Facebook.

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Exhibits

The current exhibit will close October 28, 2014.

The Holiday Bazaar will be November 7 through December 21. A preview night will be held Friday, November 7 from 6-8:00 p.m. The commissioners decided to have Mona produce and purchase the posters and postcards for the event. Sue and Mona will install the bazaar on November 2.

Lemont Loves the Arts will be the exhibit January 9 – February 13

The tentative dates of March 6th – April 12th of 2015 will be an exhibit of a collaboration with the Illinois State Poetry Society. This time the poets will compose poems to coordinate with artwork submitted. Mona will put out a call to artists and communicate with Wilda Morris with the Poetry Society.

April 17th – May 9th is the tentative dates for the Old Quarry exhibit with a reception on Tuesday, May 5th.

New Business

Nick Greanias and Ken Sieler addressed the commission in regard to the open commissioner positions. In closed session, the commissioners voted on the candidates .

The commissioners would like to send a thank you gift to Brad Byarski. Ron will attempt to see if Brad is coming in town in the near future.

Halloween Hoedown is October 25 from 1 – 4:00 p.m. Mona and Sue will work the event. Sue purchased the scratch art items for the children.

There was discussion of holding a photography exhibit during the summer of 2015.

There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2014. The meeting ended at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

