

## Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

### Minutes from November 11, 2014

In attendance: Mona Parry  
Nick Greanias

Ron Stapleton  
Susan M. Bruce

Absent: Emily J.B. Christian, Eric Hawrysz, Ken Sieler

Guests: Randy Vick, Joe Perri

#### Old Business

The October minutes were accepted by Sue and seconded by Nick. The budget account has a total of \$88.70 and the contribution account has \$28,595.46.

The follow Strategic Planning meeting in January may be facilitated by Mona and Randy. Other Lemont organizations will be invited.

Mona brought some of Lee Anderson's carved birds from Village Hall. The birds are on display and for sale during our *Holiday Bazaar*. There are approximately eight more boxes that need to be brought to the Center. Ron believes that there is a CD that focuses on Lee Anderson and his legacy. He will search for it.

The 501c3 research is still in process. The commissioners want to know the pros and cons. Nick has lawyer friends that may be able to assist in this possible endeavor.

The Halloween Hoedown had over 150 participants. Mona and Sue worked the event.

Mona will be contacting Brad Byarski to determine if he will be coming to town in the near future. The commissioners are considering a thank you dinner.

Mona gave an extra key has been given to the salon next door in case of an emergency.

#### Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

An Art and Wine establishment and another large project may be opening downtown.

Volunteer Coordinator/Business Liaison – Emily J. B. Christian

Emily was not in attendance, but asked for the commissioners to volunteer upcoming dates at the Center.

Art Organizations

Visual – Mona Parry

The guild is meeting on 11-19 at the library.

Performing – Eric Hawrysz

No new information.

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School Liaison – Mona Parry

Mona will facilitate the Target Grant “Art Explore” with Oakwood and River Valley School.

Fundraising - open

Grants – open

Sue compiles the financial portions for the grants.

Artist of the Month – Heather coordinates. It will return in January.

Social Media – Eric updates WordPress and Facebook.

Gallery Exhibits

- *Holiday Bazaar* was installed by Sue and Mona. On the preview night 20 people attended. It runs until December 21. The drawing for the raffle will be that day.
- *Lemont Loves the Arts* will be exhibited January 9 – February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Poetry and Art will be on exhibit February 20 – April 12<sup>th</sup>. Mona is in contact with Wilda Morris.
- Old Quarry will exhibit student work from April 17 – May 9<sup>th</sup>. A reception is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business

A big “welcome” to our two new commissioners, Nick Greanias and Ken Seiler. We need one more commissioner as one commissioner, Kate, resigned.

*Hometown Holiday* is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 from 3 – 7:00 p.m. Sue will facilitate the event. Another volunteer is needed. Mona will put out the word.

The commission would like to discuss the possibility of incorporating a gift shop throughout the year.

The Village Appreciation Dinner is Friday, December 5 at Ruffled Feathers.

The meeting was adjourned by Mona at 8:46 p.m. The next meeting is January 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

*S. M. Bruce*