

**Art and Culture Commission of Lemont**

**Minutes from January 13, 2014**

In attendance: Mona Parry

Ron Stapleton

Emily J.B. Christian

Absent: Ken Sieler and Nick Greanias

Eric Hawrysz

S. M. Bruce

Guests: Joe Perri and Christine Smith

Old Business

The November minutes were accepted by Emily and seconded by Eric. The contribution account balance is \$28,595.46 and the budget account has \$0.

There was discussion of our pursuit of the 501c3. We need to develop an advantage and disadvantage list. Joe stated that he might be able to get input from a professional on the subject.

The follow-up on our Strategic Planning is tentatively scheduled for March 21. Joe Perri has volunteered to facilitate and obtain the refreshments. It will focus on long and short-term goals in collaboration with other community groups. Eric will contact *Night Blue*. Mona will contact the Art Guild and the high school. Other possible contacts include Allegro and the Park District. The commissioners will meet at noon. The public will be invited from 1-3:00 p.m. The commissioners will wrap up from 3-4:00 p.m.

Mona will contact Brad Byarski. The commission wishes to express gratitude for providing the space for the Center.

Sue reported that it was the largest participation for *Hometown Holiday* yet. Over seventy children created a holiday project. Although no parents wanted the glitter glue, the children enjoyed the activity. It is recommended that a similar activity be provided for next year, but to increase the number available.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated that Peterson's is having a closeout sale. Orange 13 has become Hamiltons.

Art Organizations – The Guild is hosting a Show'n'Tell for their members on January 28<sup>th</sup> at the library.

Eric stated that Night Blue is in process of working on their spring production. Joseph may be a possibility for the late spring with an effort to work with area schools.

School Liaison – Mona is coordinating the *Art Explore* with Oakwood and River Valley schools utilizing the Target Grant. It will occur in April after the spring break. This will be the last year for the Target Grant.

Fundraising – Open position

Grants – Open position, but the IAC Grant is due in March.

Artist of the Month – Heather is coordinating. Judy Jamrisko is featured during the month of January.

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

#### Gallery Exhibits

Mona reported on the sales and raffle winners from the Holiday Bazaar. The sales totaled \$1607.75. \$1102.33 will be paid to the artists. The Center raised \$505.42 from the sale of items and \$144 from the raffle for a total of \$649.42. There were fewer artists participating this year than last year.

*Lemont Loves the Arts* will be on exhibit January 9 – February 13. Sue and Mona installed the art. The reception is 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Center will have Split-the-Pot.

The collaboration of art and the Illinois State Poetry Society will exhibit from February 20<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>. Sue and Mona will install the exhibit. The reception is scheduled for Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00 p.m. Sue will provide the refreshments for the event.

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

#### New Business

The commissioners discussed the possibility of having a gift shop year round starting in the spring.

In closed session, the commissioners discussed and voted on the candidate for the open commissioner.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

