

## Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

### Minutes from March 10, 2015

In attendance: Mona Parry  
Ron Stapleton  
Emily J.B. Christian  
Nick Greanias  
Eric Hawrysz  
S. M. Bruce  
Joe Perri  
Absent: Ken Sieler  
Guests: Randy Vick and Asta Zimkus

#### Old Business

The February minutes were accepted by Eric and seconded by Nick. The contribution account balance is \$31543.99 and the budget account has \$0.

There was discussion of our pursuit of the 501c3. Nick shared with the commissioners his lawyer friend's professional opinion of our pursuing a 501c3. With the yearly fee and added responsibilities, the commission decided not to pursue as there were no beneficial reasons.

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. Joe produced flyers and an email. Various commissioners have personally invited other organizations. 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.

Mona has the resume for a summer intern, Stephanie Ballard. She is from Elmhurst College.

#### Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated that the new governor's budget cuts may have an impact on our funding.

Art Organizations – The Guild is meeting at Homer Library during the Lemont Library renovation.

Eric stated that Night Blue is in process of working on their spring production, *Jesus Christ Superstar*. *Lion King* will be in production in collaboration with Everest Academy.

Volunteer and Business Coordinator – Emily attended the Business Expo. There are April dates that need volunteers.

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Fundraising – Nick and Asta will collaborate for a possible weekend/s Gala to be held in October. It will have entertainment and an art exhibit.

Grants – The IAC Grant may not be available with the state's budget cuts.

School Liaison – Mona is coordinating the *Art Explore* with Oakwood and River Valley schools utilizing the Target Grant. Each school will have one week of art classes. It will occur in April after the spring break. The artists will be paid \$40 per class. This will be the last year for the Target Grant.

Artist of the Month – Heather is coordinating. Megan Lutz is featured during the month of March. It will be a requirement for the featured artist to volunteer once during the month. Mona revised a form to address this issue.

Social Media – Eric has been updating Word Press and Facebook with the Strategic Planning information.

### Gallery Exhibits

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 installed 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. Sue and Mona will uninstall on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

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>.

Lemont High School will exhibit May 13 through June 7<sup>th</sup>. The reception will be held on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:00 p.m.

Gene Mark will exhibit her photography from June 12<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Timberline Knolls will exhibit from July 24<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit is tentatively scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Center will be closed on Labor Day.

### New Business

Asta Zimkus from the Lithuanian Center shared with the commissioners the facilities available for events Nick will be touring and collaborating with her for a possible event.

The commissioners want to welcome Joe Perri as a new commissioner.

Ken Sieler has not attended a meeting or event since being appointed to the Art Commission.

The commission is looking for a new commissioner to replace him. The commissioners discussed the possibility of having a gift shop year round starting in the spring.

Sue asked if others are having trouble with the laptop. A replacement may be needed soon.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce