

Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from May 12, 2015

In attendance: Mona Parry
Ron Stapleton
Emily J.B. Christian
Nick Greanias

Eric Hawrysz
S. M. Bruce
Joe Perri

Guest: Randy Vick

Old Business

The April minutes were accepted as corrected by Eric and seconded by Nick. The contribution account balance is \$28,809.95 and the budget account has \$0.

The open forum from the Strategic Planning on March 21 was reviewed. Joe Perri will produce a report. Joe also discussed ideas for future events. A Youth Arts Festival and A Film Festival were possibilities.

Stephanie Ballard, an Elmhurst College student, will be a summer intern with the Center beginning May 29th. Nick will serve as her mentor. Besides working at the Center, she will assist Nick with planning our Fifth Anniversary Gala.

After discussion, the commissioners decided to continue with the gift shop through the summer.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated that the Mayor's Charity earned approximately \$37,000. The Quarry Run had the largest participation with 700-800 runners. The winner ran the 10 miles in ~~4 hours, 7~~ minutes. 52

Art Organizations – The Guild is meeting with Carole Wilson presenting. The Guild does not meet for the summer. In the fall, the guild will hold their meetings at the Homer Library due to the Lemont Library renovation.

Eric stated that Night Blue's production of *Lion King Jr.* was a success with over 1000 attending. They will be taking this production to Michigan's summer camp.

Volunteer and Business Coordinator – Stephanie will be working at the Center during the summer hours.

Fundraising – Nick met with Asta about utilizing the Lithuanian Gallery for a possible weekend/s Gala to be held in October. It will have Cabaret entertainment and an art exhibit. Mona and Sue along with possibly Stephanie will also try to visit before the next meeting.

Grants – No report.

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School Liaison – Mona coordinated the *Art Explore* with Oakwood and River Valley schools utilizing the Target Grant. Each school will have one week of art classes. It occurred in April and served over 1300 students over 11 days. The paid artists taught 50 classes. Mona will tally the surveys. An Education Grant from the district may fund this activity next year as the Target Grant will not be available next year.

Artist of the Month – Heather has coordinated Cyn O'Brien as the featured artist during the month of May. 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 informed the commissioners that he will be stepping down as a commissioner. He has been updating Word Press and Facebook about our events. He will be volunteering on Sunday, May 17th. Hopefully, Stephanie will be able to meet with him at that time to take over that responsibility for the summer.

Gallery Exhibits

Lemont High School will exhibit May 13 through June 7th. The reception will be held on Wednesday, May 13th from 6-8:00 p.m. Sue and Mona will assist with the installation and takedown.

Gene Mark will exhibit her photography from June 12th – July 19th. Mona, Sue, and Stephanie will install.

Timberline Knolls will exhibit from July 24th through August 30th.

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

The Holiday Artist' Bazaar will be from November 6th through December 20th.

New Business

The commission now will need two new commissioners.

Mona would like to step down from being the chairperson. After discussion, the commissioners want to reorganize the responsibilities into bundles. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

Heritage Fest is in July. The hours are noon to four.

Thank you to Randy Vick for planting our outside pot for the summer.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

