

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from June 14, 2016

In attendance: Mona Parry
Emily J. B. Christian
Nick Greanias
Ron Stapleton
Susan M. Bruce
Joe Perri

Guests: R. Vick

Old Business

The corrected May minutes were accepted by Nick and seconded by Emily. As of April 30th the contribution account has \$32,734.21. The budget account paperwork cites that 65% of our new budget has been spent. Sue will email Ted for clarification.

The commission has not received the repayment of the loan to Night Blue Theater.

The commission is still short two commissioners.

Mr. Knies has been unable to obtain a used laptop for the Center yet. Joe stated that he may be able to acquire one. Hopefully one will become available soon.

On 6-18, 7-30, and 8-13, Beth Grushkin will be offering free art classes for children at the Center.

The commission will be collaborating with the Lemont Historical Society (Sue Roy) for an art tour on September 16th.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated *Three Corners* has renovated the outdoor serving area. *Dunkin Donuts* is open and *Hamilton's Pub* is under new ownership.

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

No new information.

Art Organization – Mona Parry

The Guild is on their summer break.

School Liaison – Mona Parry

Art Explore is finished for this year. Sue reorganized and put away the remaining art supplies.

Fundraising – Nick Greanias

There is a five week window from February 11 to March 11 as possible dates for another Gala.

Artist of the Month – In June Jason LaMorte was artist of the month. If anyone has any interested artists, please contact Heather at: heatherk28@comcast.net

Social Media – Terri states that she will no longer update the sites. A volunteer is needed to manage this responsibility. Mona submitted “News You Can Use” to Renee Tommell.

Gallery Exhibits

- Clayspace and Uznanski Photography exhibit will be from June 10th – July 31st. Sue and Mona installed the new exhibit. Bob Parry installed two new cabinets near the desk. Mona’s daughter donated them to the Center. Thank you, Parry family.
- The exhibit for August, September, and October will be a collaboration with the Lemont Historical Society. The 6th Anniversary Exhibit will showcase photos from Lemont’s past and current artwork.

New Business

The Lemont Center for the Arts will receive a donation from the *Mayor’s Drive for Charity Event*. Ron will be attending and will accept the check on our behalf.

Our strip mall is hosting a Luau Party on Saturday, July 16th. Possibly, Beth Grushkin will be able to offer a free art activity for children from 3 – 5:00 p.m.

The Center will be closed in August for painting and housecleaning. Discussed projects included painting, the floor, new hanging system, stained glass installation, and the sign.

Nick updated the commission on two upcoming events. July 15 – 17th is “Fiddler on the Roof” at the high school with Nick performing. July 24th is “Music on the Lawn” at St. Alphonsus with Mona performing.

The meeting was adjourned by Mona at 8:28 p.m. The next meeting is July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

S.M. Bruce