

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from May 10, 2016

In attendance: Mona Parry
Emily J. B. Christian

Ron Stapleton
Susan M. Bruce

Guests: Sue Roy and Beth Grushkin

Absent: Joe Perri and Nick Greanias

Old Business

The April minutes were accepted by Emily and seconded by Mona. As of April 30th the contribution account has \$32,675.41.

Mona emailed Dave Walters about the repayment of the loan to Night Blue Theater.

The commission is still short two commissioners.

Sue contacted Heather. Heather stated that she would speak to her husband. Hopefully one will become available soon.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated that a cupcake shop opened up on Stephan Street and that Pollyanna is increasing its number of vats.

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

Emily is in need of someone to volunteer on Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Art Organization – Mona Parry

On Wednesday, May 18th, the guild is hosting the Uznanskis presenting a lighting demonstration. The guild is going to continue meeting at Homer Library.

School Liaison – Mona Parry

Art Explore was at River Valley last week. This week the art instruction will be at Oakwood.

Fundraising – Nick Greanias

No new information.

Artist of the Month

Richard lee, a photographer, is the May Artist of the Month. If anyone has any interested artists, please contact Heather at: heatherk28@comcast.net

Social Media – Terri attended the LAG reception. Her photographers were included in *Suburban Life Newspaper* including on the front page. Thank you, Terri.

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Gallery Exhibits

- The Lemont Artist Guild exhibit held a reception on Wednesday, April 27th. Between twenty and thirty people attended. This exhibit is on display until June 6th.
- Mona has Clayspace and Uznanski Photography exhibiting from June 10th – July 31st. The work is going to be dropped off at the Center on Tuesday June 7th from 5 -7:00 p.m. Sue and Mona will install the new exhibit.
- The exhibit for August, September, and October is to be determined.

New Business

Sue Roy with the Lemont Area Historical Society spoke about two upcoming events in the village. A Lemont Art Tour will be held on Friday, September 16th. It will be a history and art walk. Fifteen businesses downtown will be hosting the art work. The commissioners have agreed to collaborate in the event. Saturday, June 11th starting at 10:00 a.m. will be the quarryman vintage baseball games at the Mt. Assisi field. Vendors are welcome, but must bring their own table. Chairs, benches, and bleachers will be available for seating.

Beth Grushkin is offering to host a children's free art activity at the Center on a few Saturdays during the summer months for 6-12 year olds. The commission would assist in the purchase of the supplies if necessary, but many supplies are available in our cabinets in the back room. The Center will have a donation jar available for Beth during her classes.

Mona has two glass cabinets with doors that her family is willing to donate to the Center. Placement will be determined once the cabinets are at the Center. Thank you to the Parry family.

Mona applied for a donation from the Mayor's Drive for Charity. The event made approximately \$64,000.

The Center has been approached by an advertising agency that would include handouts passed out at Chipains. There would be a minimum \$600 charge for 6 months. The commission decided to pass on this. Chipains has always been willing to include a handout in their packing upon request.

The meeting was adjourned by Mona at 8:01 p.m. The next meeting is June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

