

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from January 10, 2017

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

Old Business

No minutes for the November meeting were available as there was not a quorum.

The commissioners welcome and are grateful for our two new commissioners, Leslie Jenner and Susan Hamdan. Leslie set up our newer laptop and transferred our files from our last used laptop. Leslie stated that the current laptop will not hold much information and that we need to streamline our data. The commissioners discussed purchasing a new laptop and printer including copier in the near future. Thank you, Leslie.

Mona has not received any response from Dave Walters about the repayment of the loan to Night Blue Theater. Ron spoke to the Village about repayment. A letter was sent from the village requesting payment on November 3, 2016 that requested payment within 30 days. Ron stated that according to the Corporation Counsel Deputy Village Administrator we have a weak case.

Nick will be meeting with L. Molitor, the assistant to the mayor to address a possible Lemont Area Arts Council. Nick is attempting to form a council to organize activities from various organizations in the community.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

There is a new subdivision being erected between Timberline and 355 that will consist of approximately 300 single family homes and duplexes. April 6th will be the election for the new mayor.

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

Emily requested that the commissioners volunteer for some dates in January and February.

Art Organization – Mona Parry

The Art Guild will be hosting their annual “Show ‘n’ Tell” at the Homer library on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m.

School Liaison – Mona Parry

Mona is coordinating the *Art Explore*. Mona is in process of obtaining instructors and lesson plans for the *Art Explore* being held at River Valley and Oakwood schools in Lemont. The art activities for the students will occur from March 13 through 23. This is possible due a grant received from the district’s educational fund.

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Fundraising – Nick Greanias

March 18 is the “Gala” event at the Lithuanian Center from 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. Entertainment, refreshments, publicity, ticket prices for attending and the raffle were discussed and determined. Mona will check with the Village about utilizing their charge card. Joe has volunteered to solicit raffle prizes. Susan H. and Leslie offered to assist. The committee for this event will be meeting often with the next meeting being held Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Social Media – Leslie Jenner

Leslie is regularly updating the “Patch” and Instagram. It has brought in some new interested people. Sue brought in the “Suburban Life” articles about the *Holiday Bazaar* during November and December. The December article was featured on the front and second pages and included color photographs

Gallery Exhibits

- January 13th through February 19 will be an exhibit by photographer, Richard Lee. Mona and Sue will install tomorrow.
- February 24th through March 2nd will be *Lemont Loves the Arts* featuring Lemont elementary students’ works.
- April 7th through May 14th will be Lemont High School students.
- Nick may have a possible exhibitor.

New Business

Hometown Holiday was on Saturday, December 3rd from 3 – 6p.m. Susan and Leslie hosted the art activity for the children. This year the location was changed into the Safety Village structure. This resulted in many more participants. In years past, 25-40 participants were the maximum. This year more than 75 children participated.

Mona reported on the results of the “Holiday Bazaar”. \$498.50 of merchandise was purchased. Profit for the Center amounted to \$149.55 from the merchandise and \$102. from the raffle.

Leslie brought in one of the 6 possible chairs available for the Center. The commissioners agreed that the chairs would be a better reflection of the gallery environment. She will bring in the remaining 5 chairs when she is able to arrange transportation. Thank you, Leslie.

A motion was made to make a \$100 donation to the Lemont Historical Society in memory of Rose Yates by Joe and seconded by Nick.

The commissioners’ meeting was adjourned by Mona at 9:40 p.m. The next commission meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

