

.Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from January 16, 2018

In attendance: Ron Stapleton, Mona Parry, Emily J.B. Christian, Susan Hamdan, Nick Greanias and S. M. Bruce

Guests: L. Molitor and Melissa Fischer

Old Business

The minutes from September 2017 were reviewed and accepted as written by Emily and seconded by Susan. The June minutes are still locked into the old laptop. Sue reported that the accumulated account has a balance of \$37,174.73 and \$727.11 in the budget account.

Mona and Sue had over 100 participants at Halloween Hoedown. Nick and Susan had approximately 100 participants at Hometown Holiday.

Nick plans to call the Hometown Horizon, the Homer Glen newspaper about their website and local organizations for enlistment and/or support with the possible Lemont Arts Council.

Susan arranged the installation for UV protection film for the Center. Nick opened and sat at the Center during the installation. Thank you, Susan and Nick.

Linda will speak to Jerry Cole about recommendations for the color printer/copier and laptop. Sue will make the final purchase for the Center.

Committee Reports

Village – Ron stated that the construction on McCarthy road may include a bike path. The Mayor's Golf Outing will be held May 10, 2018. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be March 10, 2018. Heritage Fest is scheduled for July 14, 2018. The Budnick building has been sold.

Volunteer Coordinator – Emily stated that there are some open spots during the next month. Volunteers are needed.

Art Organizations – Mona reported that the Lemont Art Guild will meet tomorrow for their "Show'n'Tell". Cyn O'Brien will be presenting a watercolor presentation in February.

Fundraising – The commissioners discussed the possibility of holding a Gala in the spring of 2019.

Social Media – The commissioners will discuss this more at a later date.

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Gallery Exhibits

January 12 – February 25th is the Lemont Artists Guild anniversary show, “All Things Silver.” Mona and Sue installed the show. The reception is scheduled for Sunday, February 11 at 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

March 2 - April 29 will be a collaboration with the Illinois Poetry Society, “Spark 3”. The theme is *around the world with art*. Eight artists have chosen a poem. The reception date has not been determined.

May 4 – June 24 “The Burst of Spring” by photographer, Gene Mark

New Business

Two potential candidates for the commission were invited to tonight’s meeting. Melissa Fischer attended and introduced herself to the commissioners.

The current costs and installation fees for changing our internet and phone service to Comcast were discussed. When you sign a new contract if we no longer existed, we would be responsible for the remaining span of the contract. The commission asked Susan to ask ATT for a reduction.

Linda will speak to Jerry Cole about potential recommendations for our purchase of a laptop and printer with copying, fax, and color printing capabilities. She will forward Sue’s contact information, so that the purchase can be made soon. Emily made the motion to make the purchase and Nick seconded it.

The commissioners had questions about the 501c3 that Linda acquire from the village:

What assistance will the Village supply? Set-up? Fees? How would that impact the relationship with the Village including, but not limited to utilities, insurance? What other professionals would need to be involved and how often? Lawyer? Accountant?

The initiation cost would be our responsibility. To register it can cost \$5000 to hire a lawyer and register the 501c3. We would have to file a 1023 with the IRS. It is a 28 page document that could cost us \$500-\$800, but Chris from the Village would assist us with that. The commission would need to file yearly taxes and would need to obtain our own insurance.

After discussion, the commissioners voted and are not in favor of initiating a 501c3.

Mona reported on the “Holiday Bazaar.” \$1041.91 worth of merchandise was sold. With the raffle, the Center earned a net profit of \$381.88.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

