

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from July 10, 2011

In attendance: Mona Parry
Eric Hawrysz
Susan M. Bruce

Barbara Tishuk
Ron Stapleton
Absent: Dave Walters and Emily J.B. Christian

Guests: Randy Vick, Bill Montgomery, and Paul Romanowski

Old Business

The May and June minutes were reviewed. The Village account has \$2355.43 and the contribution account has \$17,184.16. All were accepted by Eric and seconded by Barb.

The Center has passed the fire inspection. Thank you to Ron for obtaining the extinguisher certification in Lisle at the cost of \$31. Currently the light in the EXIT sign is out again. Ron will check on it.

Mona, Barb, and Linda worked the Heritage Fest painting rocks. There were approximately 150+ participants. Donations totaled \$43. Thank you, Mona, Barb, and Linda.

The commission is seeking a replacement for the vacated seat by Meg.

Although Dave was not present, there has been no progress in the six month search for the volunteer possibilities to staff the Center. Mona will speak to someone at the Village about the possibility of utilizing adults who have been required to serve community service hours.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton

The Vault is opening and *The Place* is closing. Rose Yates will be retiring 8-31-11. She will be missed.

Community/ Newsletter/Grants - Barbara Tishuk

The fall newsletter will focus on Art Therapy. Mona will be requesting proposals for fall classes to be included in the newsletter.

Art Organizations

Visual - Mona Parry

The Guild does not meet in the summer.

Performing - Dave Walters

Dave was not present, but Eric stated that the Night Blue Annex has moved into the old Blockbuster space. It is being reconfigured to be a 75-100 seat theater.

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Business Liaison - Emily J. B. Christian
Not present.

School Liaison - Dave Walters
Not present.

Fundraising

Bill Montgomery proposed further public art in the downtown area to improve, promote, and encourage business. Murals and three-dimensional art were discussed with an emphasis on Lemont history. Bill believes that the Village of Lemont Downtown Facade, Sign, and Site Improvement Grant may be applicable. There is an August 1st deadline that the commission recognizes as unattainable. Ron will clarify the use of TIF funds.

New Business

The exhibit of senior citizen paintings from Emeritus will be ending the week of July 24th. The next exhibit will be of art therapy pieces from Timberline Knolls. Sue and Mona will be dismantling the current show and hanging the new show. There may be an opening reception for the new exhibit. The date has yet to be determined.

Mona, Barb, and Dana are working very hard putting in many hours on the NEA grant proposal. Ron will be responsible for obtaining the required endorsement letters, names of the village representatives, and ascertain who should be named as the project director. Sue will need to complete the financial requirements for the grant.

Cell/phone service and internet access appear to be priority purchases for the Center. Mona called Comcast and was quoted \$109 a month for these services. A website also appears to be a need. Eric is going to research domain names and financial costs. Thank you, Eric for assisting in this area.

The Halloween Hoedown is in October. October is the Illinois Arts Month. Discussion for a new event ensued, but not finalized.

Mona, Eric, Dave and Sue have renewed their commissions. Ron will clarify if any conditions are required for the commissioners.

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. with Barb making the motion and Eric seconding.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

