

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from August 9, 2011

In attendance: Mona Parry
Eric Hawrysz
Susan M. Bruce
Emily J.B. Christian
Guests: Randy Vick, Maggie Poplawski, and Linda Dibblee

Barbara Tishuk
Ron Stapleton
Dave Walters

Old Business

The July minutes were reviewed and corrected by Emily and seconded by Eric. There was no new financial information. The Village account has \$2355.43 and the contribution account has \$17,184.16.

The commission is seeking a replacement for the vacated seat by Meg. What are the guidelines for serving on the commission?

Dave stated that there has been no response from the Senior Organization in response to staffing 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.

The children presentation of "Anything's Possible" is this Friday at 7:00 p.m. at 13400 Bell Road. Jenna Treanor, the director, came to the Center.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton

Rose Yates a long term employee of Village Hall will be retiring 8-31-11. There will be a public and private gathering. Three part time employees will be replacements. The ceiling tile has been replaced. Extra ceiling tiles and the antennae are hidden in the ceiling.

Community/ Newsletter/Grants - Barbara Tishuk

The newsletters will be sent in February, May, August, and November. An article on Art Therapy with Randy, and Rae's input will be included in the upcoming newsletter. Mona will be requesting proposals for fall classes to be included in the newsletter.

Art Organizations

Visual - Mona Parry

The Guild will meet in September.

Performing - Dave Walters

Dave stated that an architect is working with Night Blue to prepare the space. Rehearsals for "Evita" have begun.

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Business Liaison - Emily J. B. Christian
No new information.

School Liaison - Dave Walters

Dave is going to approach Lemont High School about senior volunteers. Barb will approach Lockport High School for volunteer possibilities.

Fundraising

Bill Montgomery, Paul Romanowski, and Rob Moriarty are working on proposals with the Village of Lemont. *Public Art*
Start Money JMB

The NEA grant was sent 8-1-2011. Endorsements letters from Durkin, Lipinski, Biggert, Reaves, and others were included. Mona, Barb, and Dana applied for \$21,400 for art education, copier, internet, and phone service for June 2012 to 2014. The commission is extremely grateful to Robinson Engineering for their assistance.

Calendar/Gallery

The Timberline Knolls exhibit will be from July 30 to September 25. The opening reception will be September 8 by invitation.

The next exhibit will be our Second juried Opening show. It will run 5 weeks. The "Holiday Bazaar" will be held in November and December.

New Business

Mona and Barb attended a grant supermart earlier today. "Donors Forum" was discussed.

Maggie is going to initiate a facebook page for the Center. Linda suggested our participation in a Thursday night Open for the month of October. Mona is going to present a talk at *Deja vu*. Possible Thursday night options include a poetry night, Night Blue presentation, and open studio night. Maggie and Linda will organize these events with the commission's assistance.

Ron will research the guidelines for a sign for the Center and the possibilities for mail service throughout the week.

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with Barb making the motion and Eric seconding.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

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