

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from April 10,2012

In attendance: Mona Parry
Eric Hawrysz
Maggie Poplawski
Susan M. Bruce
Emily J.B. Christian
Barbara Tishuk
Ron Stapleton
Heather Knies
Guests: Jerry Ptacek, Carla Cardona-Tapia, Randy Vick

Old Business

The March minutes were reviewed and accepted by Emily and seconded by Sue. Sue reported that the contribution report has \$19,797.99 and the budget account was well spent. Mona purchased easels and a window sign. Sue and Heather purchased open shelves and lights.

Randy and Maggie attended the Donor's Forum. No decision was made yet if we should become a member organization or if this would be a benefit to our organization in the grant-seeking process.

The phone and internet service is working. Ron purchased the wireless modem for internet service at the center.

Ron asked for clarification for the street sign.

Maggie and Carla had held a free art activity on Saturday, March 18 as part of Youth Arts Month. Eleven students participated in the first session and four students in the second session.

It was decided that the commissioners would postpone their discussion of the committee restructuring until Barb's replacement is named.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton
ATI and Goodwill will be opening in the village.

Community/ Newsletter/Grants - Barbara Tishuk
The commission was declined any money from the NEA grant. Sue requested the excel spreadsheet for consideration. This spreadsheet may assist with the organization of the finances when applying for future grants.

Art Organizations

Visual - Mona Parry
On 4-11, the guild will present P. Pulliam working with polymer clay.

Performing - Eric Hawrysz
On 4-11, a meeting will be held to discuss the future of the Night Blue center. To be able to hold an assembly, the planning and zoning committee will need to change its current zoning. Anticipated opening is in June.

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Business Liaison - Emily J. B. Christian

No new information.

School Liaison and Fundraising-

No new information.

Fundraising

An idea for future fundraising may be a dinner gala. Ideas for October events include Kingswood Academy, chalk sidewalk art, and a poetry session.

Calendar/Gallery

- Faculty Exhibit, March 2 through May 13 - Reception for Faculty Exhibit on Saturday,
- April 14, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- April 25th, 3-5pm Field Trip to the LCA - 10-15 students coming to the LCA to view art and to participate in a watercolor workshop given by Cyn O'Brien. Cyn will receive \$100 fee.
- September's anniversary exhibit may be a theme show incorporating poetry and art.
- The next exhibit will be a ceramics show. Sue is conferring with some ceramic artists from the Aurora area.
- An exhibit for July 12 through September will be determined.

New Business

Heather, Sue and Mona will be available in the summer to reconfigure the gallery. The proposal, newsletter, exhibit proposal, and volunteer forms need to be redone to include the website, phone number, and hours. Carla, Maggie, and Heather will obtain more information about a website.

Eric will write an article for the newsletter. There are many class possibilities for the summer.

Rose, a volunteer, will be leaving us in April. We need a new list for our volunteers. If unable to fulfill your gallery commitment, you will be responsible for finding a substitute. Mona may be available on Fridays in the future.

Mona completed the application for \$2000 from the Mayor's Drive for Charity.

Today is Barb's last meeting. She has been a commissioner for almost three years. Many thanks for her service. Mona will determine if past applicants are still interested in being on the commission. Carla Cardona-Tapia has applied to be a commissioner.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned 8:50 p.m. with Barb making the motion and Maggie seconding.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

