

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from May 8, 2012

In attendance: Mona Parry
Eric Hawrysz
Maggie Poplawski
Susan M. Bruce

Emily J.B. Christian
Heather Knies
Ron Stapleton

Guests: Ross Lillwitz, Kim Gannon, and Patty Melei

Old Business

The April minutes were reviewed and accepted by Eric and seconded by Emily. Sue reported that requests for updated financial reports were not available. Being the end of the fiscal year, the Village is busy. Ted has requested that instructors utilize a consistent format for reimbursement. Mona will create a template for consideration.

Maggie reported that JJC library has all the information needed for researching and resources for possible grants. At this time, the commission decided that membership in the Donor's Forum is not beneficial.

Ron will continue his attempt to obtain a cultural attraction sign.

Sometime in July or August the center will be redesigned.

Heather and Maggie are working on various aspects of a website.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton

Slammers will be reopening under new ownership. The Mayor's Drive was held and earned \$48,000.

Community/ Newsletter/Grants - Maggie Poplawski

Maggie will contact George Schafer, the Assistant Village Administrator, to address and maintain our section of the Village website. She will also request feedback from the NEA Grant and acquire updates from Grants.gov.

Art Organizations

Visual - Mona Parry

On 5-16, the guild will present L. Burke on Mexican Pottery.

Performing - Eric Hawrysz

Night Blue was approved to be zoned as an assembly center. There will be a summer camp.

Business Liaison - Emily J. B. Christian

No new information.

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School Liaison -

Guests from Lemont High School presented examples of current projects and activities. Patty Melei, Ryan Hennebry, Scott Duensnig, Jeana Parry, Laina Wing, and Brittany Glowa may be staff contacts.

Fundraising

An idea for future fundraising may be a dinner gala. If we are going to do this, a committee needs to be formed soon. Ideas for October events include: Kingswood Academy, chalk sidewalk art, and a poetry session.

Calendar/Gallery

- September's anniversary exhibit may be a theme show incorporating poetry and art.
- The next exhibit will be a ceramics show of artists from the Fox Valley area. Sue is receiving the pieces on the weekend of May 12, 2012.conferring with some ceramic artists from the Aurora area.
- An exhibit for July 12 through September 2 is tentatively scheduled for Timberline Knolls.
- The Second Anniversary Exhibit will be a Poetry and Art Show. It will run from September 7 - November 4.
- The Holiday Bazaar will run from November 9 - December 23.

New Business

The newsletter and summer class possibilities are currently available.

Eric made a motion to accept Carla as a new commissioner replacing Barb. Heather seconded it.

The commissioners discussed a membership drive as a fund raiser. Maggie will research nearby communities for examples.

A motion was made by Emily to schedule the next meeting for Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Eric seconded it. This is a change to the third Tuesday of the month just for the month June. The meeting was adjourned 8:46 p.m. with Maggie making the motion and Eric seconding.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

