

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from June 19,2012

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

Emily J.B. Christian
Heather Knies
Ron Stapleton

Guests: Randy Vick

Absent: Carla Cardona-Tapia

Old Business

The May minutes were reviewed and accepted by Eric and seconded by Maggie. Sue reported that there is \$2446.07 in the budget account and \$20,440.39 in the contribution account. Ted has requested that instructors utilize a consistent format for reimbursement. Mona will create a template for consideration.

Eric and Sue attended the last Village board meeting. We received \$200 from the "The Mayor's Drive for Charity."

Ron will continue his attempt to obtain a cultural attraction sign. Minimal words are required. It may occur in the late summer.

The current show is ending on July 8th. Mona will email the participants. Sue and Mona may redesign the gallery on July 10th The upcoming exhibit and the placement of the television are concerns.

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 Village Hall is being renovated. On July 1st, it will moving to Central School. Anticipated completion is in November.

Community/ Newsletter/Grants - Maggie Poplawski

Maggie is going to organize the possible grants in order of due date. She has not received feedback from the NEA Grant. The fall newsletter will be going out at the end of August. Sue offered to write the feature article for the front page. She will focus on overall information about the Center and commission.

Art Organizations

Visual - Mona Parry

The guild does not meet in the summer. Orland Park Commerce is holding an Art Fair July 21/22.

Performing - Eric Hawrysz

Night Blue and the Village Architect on working on the new site. The Les Mis. camp was cancelled.

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Business Liaison - Emily J. B. Christian

Louie Link is now the contact at mbFinancial Bank.

School Liaison -

Maggie has volunteered to assist with this area.

Fundraising

An idea for future fundraising may be a dinner gala in the future. Other possible fundraising events were discussed including: Garage Sale, Courtyard Sale, Chairs for Art, and Flower pots in the spring. Ideas for October events include: Kings wood 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 Timberline Knolls from July 13-September 2. Mona and Sue will work with Rae and Britlyn on the installation.
- The Second Anniversary Exhibit will be a Poetry and Art Show. It will run from September 7 - November 4. Mona has made attempts to contact Wilda.
- The Holiday Bazaar will run from November 9 - December 23.
- October Arts month may include Kingswood Academy, a sidewalk chalk event, and a poetry session. Randy may assist with the poetry session. There are four Thursdays in October.

New Business

The Center has a volunteer application for the summer from a college student.

The commissioners are going to attempt to a new categorization system. All receipts will be coded. This is an attempt to be better organized for grant writing. Sue will try to put the system in place for the last fiscal year.

Maggie researched a membership drive as a fund raiser. Individual/Family charged \$20-\$50. Sponsor categories were from \$75-\$ 1000. The commissioners will discuss this further realizing that the sponsorship categories are listed in our brochure. The commission also discussed opening the Center up for events. Costs would depend on the event.

Maggie discussed the lettering for the windows. Maggie's husband and brother-in-law are donating their time. The commission thought it best to include the north side also.

Maggie stated that it is possible for an Old Quarry art exhibit in April.

Heritage Fest is July 14th. It is from 1-5:00 p.m. Sue will participate with Maggie and Carla splitting the time. More than person is required.

The motion was to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. by Heather and seconded by Ron. The next meeting is July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

