

## Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

### Minutes from September 11,2012

In attendance: Mona Parry  
Maggie Poplawski  
Ron Stapleton  
Emily J. B. Christian  
Heather Knies  
S. M. Bruce

Guests: Ross Lillwitz, Jay Haberkorn, Gary Seddon  
Absent: Eric Hawrysz, Carla Cardona-Tapia

#### Old Business

The August minutes were corrected and approved by Maggie and seconded by Heather. Sue reported that the contribution account has \$22,481.39 and the budget account has \$893.02. Sue gave Heather and Maggie copies of the 2012 Fiscal year financial summary. All future expenses and income should be categorized on the forms for each account.

There is a sign ordinance meeting occurring on 9-17-12. Ron will check on the cultural attraction sign.

Tentative events for the October Arts month include sidewalk chalk drawings, LHS music performance and/or *Mooncats*, and a poetry reading or workshop.

Instead of purchasing a new television, Sue suggested that a new computer could serve the center with presentation capabilities and online viewing. Heather stated that she would research a possibility through her husband.

Mona will call the window washer for twice monthly cleaning at \$10 at a time.

#### Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton

The Archer and Derby intersection and the Walker and McCarthy intersection will be reconfigured in the spring. A Medical Dialysis facility may be forthcoming.

Art Organizations

Mona stated that on 9-19 the Guild is hosting a motivational speaker at the library. Eric was not present.

Business Liaison - Emily J. B. Christian

Emily will be attending a Senior Expo on 10-9-12 at the Park District. She will take copies of our newsletter and forms for volunteers.

School Liaison - Carla Cardona-Tapia (not present)

#### Fundraising -

The commission hopes to decorate planters with the assistance of local artists in the spring of 2013. Research is in progress. It should be established if the planters are for indoor or outdoor use. It was suggested that various sizes be utilized. The winter newsletter will include a call to artists.

#### Calendar -

The new exhibit, "Spark," was installed and hosted 84 people at the opening reception held on Friday, September 7 from 6-8:00 p.m. This is the second anniversary of the center's opening. The "Holiday Bazaar" will be held from November 9 - December 23, 2012. With participants' assistance, the center will be open for extended hours. A preview night will be held on 11-9-2012. Mona and Maggie will create an invitation. During January 2013, the center will exhibit the *Lemont Loves the Arts* winners from the elementary schools.

#### Grants - Maggie Poplawski

The Art and Culture commission received a \$600 grant from the ILLINOIS Arts Council. Maggie returned the completed acceptance letter/forms. Compliance must be met by August 2013 with a narrative explaining the youth benefit and a matching 70% cash funds.

#### Newsletter -

Maggie will write the front page article. A call to artist for the spring planter project and an acknowledgement of the Illinois Arts Council will also be included. Mona will organize the possible class offerings.

#### New Business

Jay Haberkorn and Gary Seddon proposed a mural project for the west side of the Bonus Electric building at 112 Main Street. The commission is very interested in the possibility and wish to include the community. Ron will take the project to the next Village board Meeting. Many aspects of the project still have to be determined including budget, work space with water, etc.

Maggie is in process of developing a Scout Badge workshop. Chipains was willing to stuff our flyers in their bags, but Jewel was not.

Heather is the volunteer coordinator for staffing the center/gallery.

Committee restructuring and a charge for exhibits will discussed at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce