

Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from November 12, 2013

In attendance: Mona Parry	Eric Hawrysz
Ron Stapleton	Emily J. B. Christian
S. M. Bruce	Heather Knies
Kate Rutledge	Carla Cardona-Tapia

Guests: Robert Parry, Randy Vick, Sandy Doebert, and Mary Tally

Old Business

The October minutes were reviewed, corrected, and accepted by Kate and seconded by Heather. Sue stated that contribution account has a balance of \$22,617.73 and the budget account has a balance of \$2,582.21.

The artist of the month is Maggie Capettini-Poplawski. Next month will be Linda Dibblee. The Exhibitor's Agreement is still in progress.

The description for a college intern during the summer is still in progress.

Heather was unable to acquire the tables for the center as the items are no longer available. The purchase of chairs and tables are a work in progress.

All of the commissioners are required to complete on-line training with the state. The open meetings act training must be completed before January 2014. A certificate will be issued and a copy will be given to the village.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated that the village is attempting to obtain private investors for the Sports Complex before taking it to the residents as a referendum item. The old Wendy's site has been sold.

Art Organizations –

Mona stated that the next meeting for the Guild is scheduled for 11-13.

Eric stated that the recent benefit for Night Blue earned \$6000 overall. Night Blue will be having a spring production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Business Liaison – Emily J. B. Christian

Emily did not have any new information.

School Liaison – Carla Cardona-Tapia

Carla stated that the high schools of Lemont will exhibit from February 14 through the end of March. Mt. Assisi has not yet responded to their participation. The Target grant with the elementary schools is in progress. It will begin on March 10 with 25 classes at Oakwood. At River Valley, 18 classes will participate beginning March 17.

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Fundraising – Heather Knies

A Split-the-Pot raffle will be held during the LLA, Old Quarry, and LHS exhibitions. The prize raffle at the Holiday Bazaar exhibit looks wonderful. Thank you, Heather and Kate.

Grants – Maggie Poplawski

The center received an IAC grant for \$650.

Newsletter – Mona Parry

Mona will be working on the newsletter in December. Sue wrote the feature article and supplied the joke.

Exhibits

The *Holiday Bazaar* will be installed by Mona and Sue. Preview night was Friday, November 1 from 6-8:00 p.m. Sue brought the refreshments. Approximately 50 people attended and sales totaled \$774.

Lemont Loves the Arts will be January 10 through February 9, 2014. LHS will exhibit from February 14 through March 30. Old Quarry Middle School will exhibit during the month of April 2014.

Rob Moriarty will exhibit during May and June 2014.

New Business

Sandy Doebert and Mary Tally reported to the commissioners about a new community theatre called “Little Mountain” for students in grades 2-12 including special needs students. It will offer three camps during the month of July at LHS. Auditions will occur during June and a main stage production will occur at the end of the camps.

Bob Parry provided handouts about pursuing a 501c3. He is willing to assist in this pursuit, but needs a committee in the six to twelve month endeavor. Randy, Eric and Kate volunteered to be members of the committee. A motion to pursue the acquisition of a 501c3 was made by Sue and seconded by Emily.

Kate and Lee will review our strategic plan/commissioners’ commitment.

Hometown Holiday is Saturday, December 7 from 3-7 p.m. Carla and Kate will coordinate the event. The budget for supplies for the event is \$50.

Sue volunteered to coordinate a recognition day for volunteers. More discussion will occur on this subject in the future.

In an email to Mona, Maggie cited a finders’ fee of 10% for LCA for facilitating classes elsewhere. The ability to accept credit cards is not possible at this time as a separate checking account is necessary.

Kathy Hendrickson did not attend and explain the possibility of a mural in the township at Timberline and Alba.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

