

## Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

### Minutes from February 11, 2014

In attendance: Mona Parry  
Kate Rutledge  
Eric Hawrysz  
Emily J.B. Christian  
Susan M. Bruce  
Ron Stapleton

Absent: Carla Cardona-Tapia

#### Old Business

The January minutes were accepted by Eric and seconded by Emily. Sue reported that the balance in the contribution account is \$26,590.23 and \$1,962.46 in the budget account. Totals for the *Holiday Bazaar* are \$3325.50 in sales and \$259 in raffle sales according to Mona. Our profit was \$1010.25. \$2,308.25 will be paid to the artists.

Mona and Lee created an exhibitors' agreement with four options. After review, the commission determined that a fifth option should be included.

Heather Knies has resigned as a commissioner. Lee Ristow is considering being her replacement.

A strategic planning meeting date, Saturday, April 5, was tentatively determined. Kate has agreed to facilitate. The date will be printed within our newsletter and posted on our social media sites. Tentative schedule is 12-1:00 p.m. for the commissioners, 1-3:00 p.m. for public input, and 3-4:00 p.m. for the commissioners to finalize the plan. Sue will be responsible for some simple refreshments.

Heather is working on the Intern job description.

Kate brought in a possible chair option to replace the village's donation. The commissioners voted to purchase 12 of the stackable chairs in black for the Center.

Sue will coordinate a recognition/appreciation event for the volunteers. Possible times were discussed in June, July, or October. The commissioners are considering a catered luncheon at the Center on a Saturday.

#### Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Hardees is scheduled to open in the old Wendy's site. There is no new information about the Sports Complex. Ron is in progress of returning the teal chairs to the Village.

Community – Emily J. B. Christian

The Lemont Community Showcase and Expo is scheduled for 2-22-14 from 9-12:00. The commissioners voted not to participate this year.

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#### Art Organizations

Visual – Mona Parry

The guild is meeting 2-19.

Performing – Eric Hawrysz

Eric stated that *Songs for a New World* is replacing *Jesus Christ Superstar* March 7-30 at Stage 733 in Chicago.

School Liaison – Carla Cardona-Tapia

*Art Explore!* will be at Oakwood School March 10-14, and at River Valley March 17-21. This is possible due to the Target Grant. There will be 42 classes. Mona lined up the instructors. Each instructor will have \$30 for supplies.

#### Fundraising

Split the Pot at the reception for *Lemont Loves the Arts* earned the Center \$35.

Grants – Maggie Poplawski

Sue will mail Maggie another copy of the FY2013 breakdown of the Commission's expenses and revenues.

#### Gallery Exhibits

- Mount Assisi of Lemont will exhibit student work from February 14-April 6, 2014.
- Old Quarry Middle School will exhibit student work from April 11- May 4 or 11, 2014.
- Rob Moriarty will have a one man show from May – June.

#### New Business

A meeting about the 501c3 will occur with Christine at the village. The committee members are Bob Parry, Kate, and Eric. Eric will contact Ron about scheduling a meeting with Christine at the Village. Possible dates will be determined, but it appears that after 2:00 p.m. on a Monday or Wednesday is best.

The commissioners discussed a possible sign for the Center. With all available store fronts being occupied, the commissioners decided to wait on this acquisition.

A possible Spring Sale or Gift Shop area will be discussed further at a later meeting. Strategic Planning was discussed in depth. The decisions are cited under old business.

Emily has agreed to coordinate the volunteers. She will speak to Heather about the responsibilities.

The meeting was adjourned by Mona at 8:28 p.m. The next meeting is March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

