

Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from July 8, 2014

In attendance: Mona Parry
Ron Stapleton
S. M. Bruce

Eric Hawrysz
Emily J. B. Christian
Kate Rutledge

Guest: Bob Squires

Old Business

The June minutes were reviewed and accepted by Eric and seconded by Emily. Sue stated that contribution account has a balance of \$25,066.96 and the budget account has a balance of \$4,066.29.

The commission is in need of two commissioners. It was cited in the local newspaper and the Village newsletter. We will invite all applicants to our August 12th meeting.

Mona attended the Village board meeting. The ACC received \$250 from the Mayor's Golf Outing. Mona wrote a thank you note and deposited the check. Thank you, Mona.

There is no new information on our pursuit of the 501c3 by Eric or Kate.

Kate will report on the Strategic Planning event.

The Recognition Day for the Center's volunteers is tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2014 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sue is considering Kitaro's for refreshments.

July 9th is the Mural Event during the Classic Car night from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Rob created some coloring pages for the children and Mona will copy them at the Village Hall. Kate will bring tables, chairs, donation jar, receipt book, markers, crayons, and the sign. The Barber Shop Quartet will perform.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated that Pollyanna Brewery is scheduled to open August 1 and Hardee is in process of opening. Due to the storm, the Village Hall was without power last Tuesday.

Art Organizations –

No new information.

School Liaison – Sue reviewed the survey summaries from the Art Explore Event. She will send an electronic copy to Mona to distribute to the instructors for the event.

Fundraising – person needed

Grants – Maggie Poplawski (see School Liaison)

No new information.

Newsletter – Mona Parry

There will not be a summer newsletter.

Social Media – Eric has been updating the sites.

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Exhibits

The Artist of the Month is Christine Reedy, a photographer, for June.

Mona has been in contact with Timberline Knolls (Renee Nordstrom) for their upcoming exhibit from July 11 – August 24. Sue and Mona uninstalled Rob's exhibit and installed the TK exhibit. There will not be a reception.

The 4th Anniversary juried Exhibit will be from September 5 – October 28, 2014. Mona has sent out the call for artists. As agreed upon, the deadline for images is August 8th, and drop off of work will be August 22, 23, and 24 during the Center's open hours. Sue will be responsible for the refreshments for the reception on September 7th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

LCA was closed June 15th, July 4th, 5th, and 6th, and will be closed August 29th, 30th, and 31st due to the Labor Day weekend.

The Holiday Bazaar will be in November and December.

Lemont Loves the Arts will be the exhibit in January and February.

The tentative dates of March 6th – April 12th of 2015, a collaboration with the Illinois State Poetry Society will be exhibited. This time the poets will compose poems with artwork submitted.

April 17th – May 10th is the tentative dates for the Old Quarry exhibit.

New Business

The month of October is Illinois Arts Month. The commission would like to host a painting jam. A fee may be charged for participation. The commission will continue to discuss this at the next meeting and a coordinator will be needed. The boards from the last painting jam will be reused. Another activity may be a 'knit and stitch' for the Tree/Yarn Bomb. Sue will resend the information to Ron to get Brad's permission to do the trees in the shopping center. The Recognition day for our volunteers will be held on October 5th and the Halloween Hoedown will be during that month. Sue proposed a scratch art activity for that event and another activity for the Hometown Holiday in December. A motion was made by Mona and seconded by Emily to purchase the supplies for the events.

Kate will be doing the marker/coloring sheets of portions of the mural at the Heritage Fest on July 12th.

The commissioners (excluding Mona) discussed donating money to the artists for the mural. Sue made a motion to take \$2000 from the budget account to subsidize the production of the mural.

Emily seconded the motion. The commissioners may discuss another donation at a later date.

Sue proposed a sign-up sheet for the volunteers who have keys for the Center to address a recent issue. After discussion the commissioners were in agreement. Sue will produce the sheet.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2014.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

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