

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from April 18, 2017

In attendance: Mona Parry
Emily J. B. Christian
Leslie Jenner
Nick Greanias

Ron Stapleton
Susan M. Bruce
Joe Perri

Guests: Randy Vick Absent: Susan Hamdan

Old Business

The March minutes were reviewed and accepted by Nick and seconded by Emily. The accumulated account has \$37,492.25. The new budget will be in May.

There is no new information about the Lemont Area Arts Council from Nick and Linda Molitor. The DuPage Foundation is convening May 2, 2017 with performing artists. This foundation appears to be what Nick has in mind with the Lemont Arts Council.

The *Little Mountain Community Theater* is hosting a juried art exhibit to coincide with their production of The Little Mermaid in July. The theme is based on "Part of Your World."

Leslie will be researching information for the purchase of a new laptop and printer with copying and scanning capability. She will contact Jerry Cole at Village Hall. After discussion, the commissioners would like to keep it under \$2000.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron informed the commissioners of the newly elected officials in the village. The Corporate Deputy/Council Administrator has resigned.

Volunteer Coordinator/Business Liaison – Emily J. B. Christian
Please remember to sign up to volunteer for some dates.

Art Organization – Mona Parry

The Art Guild is meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. The presenter is a collage artist, Laura Lein-Svnoner. They are still meeting at the Homer Library.

School Liaison – Mona Parry

Art Explore is done. There may not be as the district is planning to hire a full-time art teacher for the two schools.

Fundraising – Nick Greanias

The "Gala" event was attended by more people. Mona had a current breakdown of expenses and profit, but all of the bills have not been submitted at this time.

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Social Media – Leslie Jenner

Mona sent photos to Leslie to update the “Patch” and Instagram.

Gallery Exhibits

- April 7th through May 14th will be Lemont High School students. A reception was held on Thursday, April 13th from 5 – 7:00 p.m. There were over 100 visitors. A split the pot raffle was held. The Center made \$47.
- May 18 – July 16th will be an exhibit of the winning artists from the “Gala.” Mona has put out the call to those artists.
- The Fall Anniversary Show was discussed. Leslie, Joe, and Randy would like to do a juried show that focuses on a theme, “recycle.” Randy will write a proposal and once Leslie and Joe agree, Mona will send it out in May via email for a call to artists. Leslie, Joe, and Randy are going to coordinate the entire exhibit.
- Mona is communicating with Wilda for another poetry and art collaboration for the spring 2018.

New Business

Mona applied for money from “The Mayor’s Drive for Charity.”

Three commissioners are due to renew their position this year, Sue Bruce and Mona Parry have volunteered to remain on the commission as of this date.

Through an email, Linda Molitor contacted Mona about an outdoor “Artists’ Market” that will be held on every Tuesday from June 6th – October from 4- 7 p.m. Mona will contact Linda with the questions that the commissioners would like answered before committing to the event.

Linda via email also made a request for more or another public art project. Rob Moriarty has been speaking to Mona about a potential idea.

Tom Chernobyl of Lemont had dropped off some of his lawn penguins as potential items for the gift shop.

The commissioners’ meeting was adjourned by Mona at 8:37 p.m. The next commission meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

SM Bruce