

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from May 9, 2017

In attendance: Ron Stapleton
Emily J.B. Christian
S. M. Bruce

Leslie Jenner
Joe Perri

Guests: Glenda Wilson, Linda Molitor, Randy Vick

Absent: Mona Parry, Nick Greanias

Old Business

The April minutes were approved by Emily and seconded by Joe. The budget account has \$3500, but \$2000 has to be used to pay the phone and internet bill for the year according to C. Smith. There is \$37,533.51 in the accumulated account.

There is no new information on the Lemont Area Arts Council.

Leslie has recently contacted Jerry Cole, but has not received a response as of this time. The Center needs a new laptop and printer. Linda Molitor is going to check on options with the Village in regards to phone, internet, and wifi service.

The LACC will not be participating in the Artisan's Market due to the lack of volunteers able to attend.

Joe Perri has not renewed his commission at this time.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron stated that the new board will be installed on May 15. The Quarry Man Challenge is Saturday, May 16.

Volunteer Coordinator – Emily has all of the days in May filled with volunteers.

School Liaison – No new information.

Fundraising – No new information.

Social Media – Leslie is continually updating the sites.

Gallery Exhibits

Lemont High School – The reception on April 13th was well attended. The exhibit will come down prior to Wednesday, May 17th.

“Gala II” winners – Sue and Mona will be installing the new exhibit on May 17th. The participants have not determined if they are having a reception.

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“RE” Exhibit – Randy, Leslie, and Joe are coordinating this show that will start on July 21st. After discussion, it was decided that it is a juried show with a \$20 entrance fee. Mona will post the distressed flyers when completed to possible artists. The submission deadline is June 30th. The artists will be notified by July 18th. The exhibit will be judged. Leslie, Joe, and Randy will install the exhibit on July 17 and take it down September 17th. The tentative reception date is Friday, July 21st.

New Business

The checks from the *Mayor's Drive for Charity* will be distributed on Monday, May 15th. Ron will be present at the meeting.

Currently, Mona has access to the Center's email account. With the “RE” exhibit and for other events/projects, it would be best if other commissioners would also have access to the account.

Linda stated that the Village would like to see more public projects. The commissioners reviewed some of the projects and events that the commission has held over the years: 3 Black and White Painting Jams, Barbershop Quartet performance, 2 mosaic projects (the Village planters and the bridge downtown), Art Walk (in collaboration with the Lemont Historical Society), 2 Art/Music Festivals (held both downtown and uptown), Sidewalk Chalk event, Yarn Bomb, Umbrellas for Peace (various events involving seniors, students, and a parade), 2 large outdoor murals (Rudy Kling and the Protest), and hosting free children's art activities at all of the village festivals including Halloween Hoedown, Heritage Fest, and Hometown Holidays besides opening, staffing, and maintaining the Lemont Art Center.

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

