

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from September 12, 2017

In attendance: Ron Stapleton, Mona Parry, Emily J.B. Christian, Susan Hamdan, Nick Greanias and S. M. Bruce

Absent: Leslie Jenner

Guests: Randy Vick and Davia Karuza

Old Business

The minutes from August were reviewed and accepted as corrected by Emily and seconded by Susan. The June minutes are still locked into the old laptop. Sue will present them once a new laptop is purchased and the files transferred. Sue reported that the accumulated account has a balance of \$36,418.29 and \$2,691.16 in the budget account.

Mona and Sue had approximately 100 participants at Heritage Fest. They accumulated \$5.75 in donations.

There is no new information about the possible Lemont Arts Council.

Susan presented two estimates for UV protection film for the Center with samples. The commissioners agreed on the film color, neutral series. Sue made the motion to spend \$1119.64 to complete the project by Sunset Glass Tinting. Emily seconded the motion and all of the attending commissioners were in agreement.

Leslie has not decided on a printer and laptop for Sue to purchase for the Center.

Committee Reports

Village – Ron stated that the construction on McCarthy road will extend till next year.

Volunteer Coordinator – Emily stated that there are some open spots during the next month. Volunteers are needed.

Art Organizations – Mona reported that the Lemont Art Guild meets the third Wednesday of each month. September 20<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. The guild held a reception at the Center in celebration of the end of summer on August 31<sup>st</sup> with 24 participants.

Fundraising – The commissioners discussed the possibility of holding art lectures. The Center would need a projector and working laptop. The commissioners discussed the possibility of holding another Gala in the spring 2019. A full board would be required.

Social Media – No new information.

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### Gallery Exhibits

“RE” Exhibit is on display until September 17<sup>th</sup>. Randy suggested holding this theme exhibit annually. Pick up for the art work is Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

September 22 – November 5 is a one man show. The featured artist is Erik Ohrn. He has provided an artist’s statement for “Reactions.” Mona will meet Eric on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Sue and Mona will install on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The reception is Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4:00 p.m.

November 10 – December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the annual “Holiday Bazaar.” Mona will extend a call to artists. Hours will be extended during the bazaar to 10 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Center will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>.

January 12 – February 25<sup>th</sup> is the Lemont Artists Guild anniversary show, “All Things Silver.” It is open to Guild members only.

March through April will be a collaboration with the Illinois Poetry Society.

### New Business

Two potential candidates for the commission were invited to tonight’s meeting. An application has to be completed for Village Hall.

Linda did not attend this meeting. The commissioners have questions about the 501c3:

What assistance will the Village supply? Set-up? Fees?

How would that impact the relationship with the Village including, but not limited to utilities, insurance?

What other professionals would need to be involved and how often? Lawyer? Accountant?

Sue and Mona will volunteer their time for Halloween Hoedown. The commissioners agreed to Sue purchasing the art activities for the event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

