

Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from February 9, 2016

In attendance: Mona Parry

Ron Stapleton

Emily J.B. Christian

Guests: R. Vick and K. C. Wallenberg ^{AMB}

S. M. Bruce ~~DMB~~

Nick Greanias

Absent: J. Perri

Old Business

The January minutes were accepted by Nick and seconded by Emily. There is \$30,233.09 in the accumulated account.

We are in need of two commissioners. K. C. Wallenberg is observing tonight. ^{AMB}

Mona reviewed the commission's objectives, activities, and responsibilities,

The loan to Night Blue has not been repaid.

Lemont Loves the Arts will be hosting an Open House on January 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Everest Academy. Carla, a former commissioner, will have a donation basket for the Center.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton stated that the Palos Park annex has begun, but there is some controversy with the high school fields and the Church of the Nazarene. Mabel's Market has opened downtown. It has some distressed furniture, soaps, and crafts. Dunkin Donut is building a new building just west of State Street on 127th Street. The property next to Saint Patrick Church may have a buyer.

Art Organizations – The guild is meeting February 17 at the Homer Library. It will host Betty Kirk demonstrating marbling on paper.

Volunteer and Business Coordinator – Emily is always needing volunteers for the gallery.

Fundraising – Nick is considering organizing a *Gala* for the spring of 2017.

Grants – There are no funds available for this year according to an email sent to Mona.

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School Liaison – Mona has begun coordinating the art instruction for grades 1-5 at River Valley and Oakwood Schools. District 113a gave us a grant for \$2500. It will occur the first two weeks of May.

Artist of the Month – Gene Mark is the current artist of the month. Heather is in need of some suggestions for future artists of the month. Please contact Heather with any suggestions at heather28@comcast.net with artists' names.

Social Media – Terri has been updating Facebook. She also got us a front page article in the *Lemont Suburban Life* newspaper. Thank you, Terri.

Gallery Exhibits

The exhibit of the award winners from our Gala event, “Gifted” will be ending February 28th. Sue and Mona will install the new exhibit, *Lemont Loves the Arts*. It will be a display the elementary students' artwork.

New Business

The Community Expo is Saturday, February 20th from 9: -noon.

Sue made a motion to purchase two square tables from library for the Center. Emily seconded the motion. It is hoped that the 40” x 40” tables will offer more flexibility. Nick will make the purchase and Ron will deliver them to the Center.

Sue asked the commissioners if she should contact Heather about the possibility of a newer laptop. Heather's husband donated the last used laptop, but it is not functioning well. After discussion, the commission decided to pursue a newer laptop. Sue will email Heather.

Eric, a former commissioner, and his wife, Brie, had a baby boy named Wally. Congratulations!

The next general meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

