

**Art and Culture Commission of Lemont**

**Minutes from March 8, 2016**

In attendance: Mona Parry

Ron Stapleton

Emily J.B. Christian

S. M. Bruce

Nick Greanias

Absent: J. Perri

Old Business

The February minutes were accepted by Nick and seconded by Emily. There is ~~\$30,55.82~~ <sup>AMTB</sup> \$30,355.82 in the accumulated account.

We are in need of two commissioners. K. C. Wallenberg is a possible candidate.

Sue emailed Heather about the possibility of a newer laptop, but she has not received a response. She will try again.

The loan to Night Blue has not been repaid. Mona will contact Dave again.

There is no new information on Rob Moriarty's summer workshop..

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton stated that the Metra train line has initiated a new line into the station in Lemont in the mid-afternoon. The property next to Saint Patrick Church may have a buyer.

Art Organizations – The guild is meeting March 16 at the Homer Library. It will host Cyn O'Brien demonstrating watercolor techniques.

Volunteer and Business Coordinator – Emily is always needing volunteers for the gallery. March is complete. The Center will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Fundraising – Nick is considering organizing a *Gala* for the spring of 2017. Possible dates 2-25 (before Lent), 3-4, 3-11, and 3-18.

School Liaison – Mona has obtained instructors for 9 of the 10 days. The A&CC will be providing art instruction for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders at River Valley and Oakwood Schools. Currently those students do not receive art class during the school year. The classes will be held the first two weeks in May and is being funded by District 113a Education Fund. The grant is for \$2500.

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Grants – Although the Commission has received a previous email citing that the art grants were not going to be available, Mona received an email recently that cited the art grants were now available. Due to the late notice, limited time for completing the application, and amount of work for the already short commission, it was decided not to apply this year. The commission is short two commissioners.

Artist of the Month – Heather Knies has Jackie Uznan<sup>AMB</sup>ski as the March artist of the month. Heather is in need of some suggestions for future artists of the month. Please contact Heather with any suggestions at [heatherk28@comcast.net](mailto:heatherk28@comcast.net) with artists' names.

Social Media – Terri has been assisting in this. Nick will contact her to clarify her intent. Heather is updating Facebook.

#### Gallery Exhibits

Sue and Mona installed the new exhibit, *Lemont Loves the Arts*. It will be a display the elementary students' artwork until March 27<sup>th</sup>.

During the month of April and May, the Lemont Artists Guild will be on display. Mona and Sue will install.

Possible ideas for future exhibits include Clayspace, a stained glass exhibit, and a photo exhibit of Lemont area. Nick will contact a stained glass artist. Mona will contact Clayspace and put out a call to artists about the photo exhibit.

#### New Business

The Lemont Area Historical Society wants to collaborate about an art tour throughout Lemont. More information should be forthcoming.

The next general meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

