Art and Culture Commission of Lemont August 9, 2016

In attendance: Mona Parry, Emily J. B. Christian, Nick Greanias, S. M. Bruce Guest: Randy Vick.

Absent: Ron Stapleton, Joe Perri

Old Business

The June minutes were accepted as written by Nick and seconded by Emily. Sue has not received any correspondence from Ted, therefore there was not a financial report.

The commission has not received the repayment from Night Blue.

Mr. Knires has acquired a donated laptop for the Center. Items need to be transferred from the old laptop.

The commission is still searching for two commissioners.

The commission is collaborating with the Lemont Historical Society for an art tour on September 16. There has not been any recent updates. Mona proposed printing and framing photos for display during the "Then and Now" exhibition at the Center to coincide with the art tour. The Center may hold a reception that night in collaboration.

Nick has proposed and invited local entities to coordinate a yearly calendar of events.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton No report.

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Art Organizations - Mona Parry

No new information.

Volunteer / Business Liaison - Emily J. B. Christian

Volunteers are needed for Friday, September 23 and 30.

School Liaison - Mona Parry

No new information.

Fundraising - Nick Greanias

The first choice for the possible spring Gala is March 18 at the Lithuanian Center.

Artist of the Month - Heather Knies

Heather is moving out of state. The commission discussed the continuation of the monthly event. Sue made a motion to dissolve "Artist of the Month" and Emily seconded it.

Social Media - We need someone to coordinate this.

Gallery Exhibits

September 9 - October 30 is the "Then and Now" 6th Anniversary exhibition. Sue and Mona will install. Mona proposed printing and framing photographs. Sue seconded the motion.

November - December 18 is the Holiday Bazaar.

New Business

Sue presented the proposal for painting the Center. After discussion, Sue made a motion to accept the proposal and Mona seconded. Sue will contact the Lemont painter. Sue will pay the bill and be reimbursed by the Village so the painter does not have to wait for completed work.

Mona proposed a new hanging system for the Center. After discussion, Mona made a motion to order the system and Nick seconded for a maximum of \$2000. The system will be delivered to Mona.

Other improvements include fixing the toilet handle and rectifying our fire inspection citations. The exit signs, emergency lights, and the door handle need to be addressed. Mona will contact Ron to determine if the management company is responsible or to obtain permission to address the issues including the the floor.

Randy, Nick, and Bob Parry will be installing leaded glass piece on the morning of August 8. At that time, Bob and Randy will remove the old hanging track. Thank you, Bob and Randy.

On August 13, Emily will open the Center for Beth Grushkin's art class for the kids in Lemont. She will open at 9:45 and stay until noon.

Heritage Fest is on Saturday, September 3 from 3 - 7 p.m. Sue and Mona will provide a sand art project for the kids.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

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