

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from February 10, 2014

In attendance: Mona Parry
Nick Greanias
Emily J.B. Christian
Ron Stapleton
Susan M. Bruce
Eric Hawrysz

Absent: Ken Sieler and Joe Perri
Guests: Randy Vick and Christine Smith

Old Business

The January minutes were accepted as corrected by Emily and seconded by Nick. The budget account has \$0 and the contribution account has \$30,422.88.

A Spring Gift Shop will be held at the Center from March through June 2015. Six artists have agreed to participate. They will volunteer one day a month.

The Strategic Planning meeting will be held on March 21st 12-4 p.m. It is open to the public from 1-3 p.m. Joe Perri will be facilitating and organizing the meeting.

Discussion of the 501c3 research occurred. Nick knows various lawyers that may have knowledge in this area. He will see if one may address the commissioners giving us facts about the advantages and disadvantages. *Leave AMB.*

Mona will be contacting Brad Byarski to determine if he will be coming to town when the weather allows. The commissioners want to express our gratitude.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

There are two new bars opening downtown and one near *Three Corners*. The *Vault* is under new ownership. The building next to Saint Patrick Church is owned by the archdiocese. There is discussion of it being torn down.

Volunteer Coordinator/Business Liaison – Emily J. B. Christian

Emily recently had to work three consecutive days. Commissioners must work one day a month to share in the responsibility of keeping the Center open.

Art Organizations

Visual – Mona Parry

The guild has requested holding their meetings here and exhibiting in the near future. The library will be involved in future construction. The commissioners would love having the guild utilize our Center.

Performing – Eric Hawrysz

The *Night Blue* Theater is hoping to open this spring.

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School Liaison – Mona Parry

Mona is coordinating the Target Grant “Art Explore” with Oakwood and River Valley School in April. She spoke to both principals.

Fundraising - open

Nick mentioned a possible fundraising event that includes art and performance. The commission will discuss this more at the Strategic Planning meeting.

Grants – open

Sue compiles the financial portions for the grants.

Artist of the Month – Heather coordinates. It will return in January.

Social Media – Eric updates WordPress and Facebook.

Gallery Exhibits

- *Lemont Loves the Arts* is on exhibit until February 15th. The *split-the-pot* held the night of the reception earned the Center \$68 as the winner, the principal, donated her winnings back to the Center.
- Poetry and Art will be on exhibit February 20 – April 12th. Sue and Mona will install the exhibit on Sunday, February 15. The poetry reading and reception will be held Sunday, March 15th from 1-3 p.m. Sue will be responsible for the refreshments.
- Old Quarry will exhibit student work from April 17 – May 9th. A reception is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th.
- Lemont High School will exhibit from May 13th – June 7th. The reception will be held on Tuesday, May 5th.
- Photographer, Gene Mark, will be exhibiting starting on June 12th.

New Business

A big “welcome” to our new commissioner, Joe Perri. He was voted in at the Village Board meeting on 2-9-15.

Elmhurst college student, Stephanie Ballard, is interested in being a summer intern. Mona will develop a list of possible responsibilities.

The meeting was adjourned by Mona at 8:19 p.m. Sue and Nick made the motion. The next meeting is March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

SM Bruce