

Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from July 14, 2015

In attendance: Mona Parry
Ron Stapleton
Emily J.B. Christian
Nick Greanias

Eric Hawrysz
S. M. Bruce
Joe Perri

Guests: Stephanie Ballard and Terri Kwiatkowski

Old Business

The June minutes were accepted by Emily and seconded by Nick. There was no financial report as Ted at the village was not available.

Stephanie Ballard will be completing her summer internship at the Center. She was responsible for volunteering at the Center, installations, and the social media. Eric will now assist Terri in taking over the social media duty.

Mona, Rob, Stephanie, and Sue worked the Heritage Fest on July 11.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated that the Mayor's Charity donated \$250 to the Center. The Stanley Cup was on display with Scott Darling last week. There is a new bakery called the "Rustic Knead."

Art Organizations – The Guild is not meeting for the summer.

Eric stated that Night Blue is ceasing the theater in town. Ron stated that the commission needs to call in the loan. Mona will contact Dave about the contract. Night Blue will be doing another production of *Lion King Jr.* at the summer camp in Michigan. Upcoming productions at Stage 773 include *The Producers* and *Victor/Victoria*.

Volunteer and Business Coordinator – Stephanie will not be available to work at the Center on July 17, 18, and 19th.

Fundraising – Saturday, October 17th will be a benefit for the Lemont Center for the Arts. It will include entertainment and a juried and judged art exhibit. The commission determined the prizes for the artists: 1st prize - \$500, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$200, 2 Honorable Mentions - \$50 each and People's Choice – gift. The motion was made by Sue and seconded by Nick. Mona will be sending out information to artists. Many plans need to be finalized and another meeting for the event is scheduled by the committee for Thursday, July 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Grants – No report.

School Liaison – No new information.

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Artist of the Month – Ellen Vestergaard is the featured artist during the month of July.
Social Media – Eric will assist Terri with the transition. Terri wants to include more photographs in our postings. Thank you, Terri.

Gallery Exhibits

Sue will be taking down the Gene Mark exhibit on Sunday, July 19th.

Timberline Knolls will exhibit from July 24th through August 30th. Mona, Sue, and Stephanie will install Tuesday, July 21st. The reception is Friday, July 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The 5th Anniversary Exhibit is tentatively scheduled for September 11th through November 1st. The past and present commissioners' work will be on exhibit.

The Holiday Artist' Bazaar will be from November 6th through December 20th.

New Business

The commission now will need two new commissioners. This Eric's last meeting. Thank you for your years of service.

Mona would like to step down from being the chairperson. After discussion, the commissioners want to reorganize the responsibilities into bundles. Further discussion will begin when the commission has a full set of commissioners.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

