

Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from September 8, 2015

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

Nick Greanias
S. M. Bruce
J. Perri

Guest: Randy Vick

Old Business

The August minutes were accepted by Nick and seconded by Emily. There is \$4,825 in the budget account and \$29,862.26 in the accumulated account.

The Gift Shop will continue throughout the year.

We are in need of two commissioners. Once all of the commission is complete, there will be further discussion of the division of tasks.

Mona will contact Dave Walters about the payment of our loan from Night Blue.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Credit card capability will be available at the Gala. 40 people went to Chicago to voice their opinion on the Palos Park land acquisition. The decision has been delayed for thirty days. A new building is being built on 127th and Timberline. It will be a medical/dialysis center.

Art Organizations – September 16th is the first Guild meeting at Homer Library. The Lemont Guild is participating in a reception at the McCord House on 9-25-15.

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

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 will meet weekly to discuss and finalize more of the details of the “Gala”. At this time there are 10 artists submitting 4 items each. Mona will send a *Call to Artists* to Asta. The tickets and poster design was finalized and sizes determined. The next meeting to discuss the Gala will be 9-22-15 at 7:00 p.m. Drop-off of artwork will be 10-12 from 2-6:00 p.m. and pick-up will be 10-25.

Grants – The IAC grant report is due by 9-30-15. Sue is in process of completing the report.

School Liaison – No new information at this time.

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Artist of the Month – Nancy Uznanski 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. There will not be an artist of the month during November and December due to our Holiday Bazaar. It has been suggested that the day the artist volunteers should be an advertised as a “Meet the Artist” day.

Social Media – Terri is doing a wonderful job as getting the word out on our Gala.

Gallery Exhibits

The 5th Anniversary Exhibit at the gallery is scheduled for September 11th through November 1st. Sue and Mona installed the past and present commissioners' and volunteers' work.

The Holiday Artist' Bazaar will be from November 6th through December 20th. Mona will put out a call to artists. Mona and Sue will install.

New Business

The commissioners clarified that the judges may exhibit, but their work will not be judged at the Gala. The \$50 dollar entrance fee will also be waived. The judges will be Randy Vick, Liz Popp, and Joe Perri.

A request to rent the Center was made by Julie Blackburn, an art therapist. She will provide her own supplies and provide us with proof of her professional liability. We would charge \$25 an hour.

The Halloween Hoedown is on October 24th. Sue will purchase supplies for the art event. Joe made the motion to spend about \$50 for the children's art project and Emily seconded it.

The next general meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

