

Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from August 12, 2014

In attendance: Mona Parry

Eric Hawrysz

Ron Stapleton

S. M. Bruce

Guest: Lisa Simone Porter, Randy Vick, and Steve Falco

Absent: Emily J.B. Christian and Kate Rutledge

Old Business

The July minutes were unable to be accepted as there was not a quorum. Sue stated that the balances were not correct as a line item was removed from the contribution account instead of the budget account as was voted on by the commissioners during the last meeting. Mona stated that she will call Christine to see if that can be corrected. Sue presented Mona a check of \$125 from Emily to support the creation of the mural. Another donation of \$50 was made by Jackie Pinkowski from Lemont.

The commission is in need of two commissioners and Lisa and another person have applied.

Thank you to Kate for working the Heritage Fest.

There is no new information on our pursuit of the 501c3 by Eric or Kate.

Kate called in and will report on the Strategic Planning event next meeting.

The commission has received permission to pursue the Yarn Bomb in October from Brad Byarski.

A Recognition Day for the Center's volunteers is tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2014 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sue is considering Kitaro's for refreshments.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Ron stated that Hardees is open for business. There will not be Keepataw Days and no parade.

Art Organizations – No new information.

School Liaison – No new information,

Fundraising – person needed

Grants – Maggie Poplawski is resigning. Someone is needed to chair this area.

Newsletter – Mona Parry

There will be a fall newsletter.

Social Media – Eric has been updating the sites.

Exhibits

The Artist of the Month is Liz Popp for July. It was decided that there not be an Artist of the Month for September due to our Anniversary Show and also for November and December due to the Holiday Bazaar.

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Timberline Knolls (Renee Nordstrom) decided to hold a reception on Tuesday, August 19th from 4 – 7:00 p.m. The exhibit will end August 24. Sue and Mona will uninstall the exhibit.

The 4th Anniversary juried Exhibit will be from September 5 – October 28, 2014. Mona has sent out the call for artists. The deadline for images was August 8th, and drop off of work will be August 22, 23, and 24 during the Center's open hours. Randy, Mona, and Sue will jury the artwork following this meeting. Mona and Sue will be installing the exhibit. John Walker will be the judge. Mona will meet him prior to the reception at the Center. Sue will be responsible for the refreshments for the reception on September 7th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

LCA will be closed August 29th, 30th, and 31st due to the Labor Day weekend.

The Holiday Bazaar will be in November and December.

Lemont Loves the Arts will be the exhibit in January and February.

The tentative dates of March 6th – April 12th of 2015 will be a collaboration with the Illinois State Poetry Society. This time the poets will compose poems to coordinate with artwork submitted. Mona will put out a call to artists.

April 17th – May 9th is the tentative dates for the Old Quarry exhibit with a reception on Tuesday, May 5th.

New Business

The month of October is Illinois Arts Month. The commission would like to host a painting jam. A fee may be charged for participation. The commission will continue to discuss this at the next meeting and a coordinator will be needed. The boards from the last painting jam will be reused. Another activity may be a 'knit and stitch' for the Tree/Yarn Bomb. Brad Byarski agreed to it and even suggested lights. Mona suggested a thank you gift for Brad.

The Recognition day for our volunteers will be held on October 5th and the Halloween Hoedown will be during that month. Sue purchased the scratch art items for that event and for the Hometown Holiday in December.

The Village have some of Lee Anderson's carved birds that they want to donate to the Center. Ron will bring them to the Center.

Sue produced a sign-up sheet for the volunteers who have keys for the Center to address a recent issue. It will be kept in the green binder.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2014. The meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

