

## Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

### Minutes from June 11, 2013

In attendance: Mona Parry  
Eric Hawrysz  
Heather Knies

Emily J.B. Christian  
Susan M. Bruce  
Ron Stapleton

Guest: R. Vick, Lee Ristow

Absent: Carla Cardona-Tapia

#### Old Business

The May minutes were accepted by Eric and seconded by Heather. Sue was unable to report the financial balances.

The commission will paint accent walls prior to anniversary exhibit. It was decided to paint the east wall above the counter around to the west facing front wall and the west header around to the south facing wall. The commissioners may decide to also paint the back wall that faces west. Sue will purchase the paint. Heather and Sue will bring possible furniture catalogs to the next meeting.

Mona and Lee are working on the exhibitor agreement.

Mona distributed the art party menus to the schools prior to the end of the school year. It also went out electronically and at the train station and other sites.

The Art and Culture will receive an award from the Mayor's Drive for Charity. Mona and Emily will be attending the board meeting.

#### Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

*Hallmark* and *Pancake Cafe* are closing. Ben Wehmeier is leaving his position as Village Administrator. He will be replaced by George Schaffer. Ed Buetner is retiring from his position as the head of the Building Department. His replacement is Mark LaChappell. Two part-time positions are to be changed to full-time. The village sticker is an image of the renovated Village Hall. The fireworks will be held at the park district on July 3. The show is a collaboration of the village, township, and park district.

Community – Emily J. B. Christian  
No new information.

Art Organizations

Visual – Mona Parry

The guild is hosting a member exhibit at the library this month and at McCord House next month.

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Performing – Eric Hawrysz

*Night Blue* is planning a production of *Spamalot*. The opening is delayed due to an upgrade to the fire system. No future performances or camps will be held in Lemont this season. The camp in Michigan is doing the *Wizard of Oz*. The *Jeff Award* for the best supporting actor was from the *Night Blue* production of *Avenue Q*.

School Liaison – Carla Cardona-Tapia

No new information.

Fundraising

Fundraising events that correlate with receptions of exhibits are more successful. The commission has decided to coordinate events in the future. Heather and Lee volunteered.

Calendar/Gallery

- Sue and Mona will take down the *Eclectic* exhibit on Sunday, June 30 and install the new Timberline Knolls exhibit that week. The next reception will be Thursday, August 1, 2013 from 4-6 p.m. Timberline Knolls need to sign our exhibitors' agreement. The remaining flower pots may be raffled.
- The *Third Anniversary Exhibition* is September 6 – October 27, 2013. The reception will be Sunday, September 8 from 1-3 p.m. Sue will be responsible for the refreshments.

Grants – Maggie Poplawski

No new information.

New Business

Mona suggested that the center needs a coordinator and monetary budget money for marketing the center and its events. Maggie is coordinating the social media, but further advertisement appears needed. Discussion will continue next meeting.

*Heritage Fest* is July 13, 2013 from 4-8 p.m. for children events. Sue and Emily have volunteered, but another person is needed. Suggestions for an activity are requested. Scratch boards will the *Halloween Hoedown* activity.

Heather had a draft for a featured artist submission form. It will be possible to nominate an artist. It will be included in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned by Mona at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is July 9, 2013 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

*S. M. Bruce*