

Art and Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from October 8, 2013

In attendance: Mona Parry
Ron Stapleton
S. M. Bruce
Kate Rutledge
Eric Hawrysz
Emily J. B. Christian
Heather Knies

Guests: Randy Vick, Phillip Bernal, Mike Ford, George Schafer, Robert Parry

Absent: Carla Cardona-Tapia

Old Business

The ~~April~~^{September} minutes were reviewed and accepted by Emily and seconded by Heather. Sue stated that as of 9-30-2013 the contribution account has a balance of \$22,617.73 and the budget account has a balance of \$1,324.87.

The artist of the month is Kelly Kopacz. Next month will be Maggie Capettini-Poplawski.

The Halloween Hoedown is October 26th from 1-4:00 p.m. at the Safety Village. Sue purchased 168 Halloween themed scratch art shapes. Mona and Sue will work that day.

The Exhibitor's Agreement is still in progress.

The description for a college intern during the summer is still in progress.

Heather had possible choices for tables. Sue made a motion to purchase three square tables.

Emily seconded the motion. Randy stated that Herman Miller chairs may be what we want for the Center.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

Emily made a motion to allow Ron to return the turquoise chairs to the village. Kate seconded it.

Art Organizations –

Mona stated that on 10-16, the Guild is hosting John Walker, an acrylic artist, at the library.

Eric stated that Night Blue is performing *Jacob's Marley's Christmas Carole* from mid-

November through mid-December at Stage 773 in Chicago. *Spamalot* closed last weekend.

Night Blue is holding a benefit at Mrs. Murphy's. Ticket price is \$100 and a silent auction will be held.

Business Liaison – Emily J. B. Christian

Emily did not have any new information.

School Liaison – Carla Cardona-Tapia

Carla was not present, but the Target grant with the elementary schools is in progress.

Fundraising – Heather Knies

A Split-the-Pot raffle will be held during the LLA, Old Quarry, and LHS exhibitions.

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Grants – Maggie Poplawski

There is no new information at this time as Maggie and Carla were not present.

Newsletter – Mona Parry

Mona will be working on the newsletter in December. Sue will write a feature article as well as supply the corny joke.

Exhibits

The current exhibit will be taken down at the end of the month and the *Holiday Bazaar* will be installed by Mona and Sue. Preview night is Friday, November 1 from 6-8:00 p.m. Sue will bring the refreshments. A raffle will be held during the Bazaar. Participating artists were asked for a raffle donation. Donations will receive recognition in the winter newsletter.

Lemont Loves the Arts will be January 10 through February 9, 2014. LHS will exhibit from the middle of February through the middle of March. Old Quarry Middle School will exhibit from the middle of March through April 2014.

Rob Moriarty will exhibit during May and June 2014.

New Business

George Schafer from the Village was present during the meeting. The commissioners will have to complete a webinar on the Open Meeting Act.

Mike Ford and Phillip Bernal were present to discuss the collaboration of non-profit art organizations. Mike Ford is involved with the Frankfort Art Shows. Phillip Bernal is an event planner and broker of Fine Art. He recently was involved with the *Art against Aids Event*.

Bob Parry reported on a meeting with Ted, George, and Christine, the Finance Director for the village. In an effort to obtain more financial backing from businesses and industries for the ACC, it may be beneficial to obtain a 501c3 as a registered non-profit organization. Bob is willing to pursue an investigation. Kate and Eric volunteered to assist. They will talk to the village and develop the pros and cons of having the 501c3. They will report to the commission at the next ACC meeting.

Mona discussed supplies for the Center. Sue made a motion to purchase bags, name tags, and tissue for purchases. Emily seconded the motion. The commissioners discussed the possibility of accepting charge cards, but decided it was not a good idea at this time.

Mona was approached by Kathy Hendrickson about a mural in the township at Timberline and Alba. More information will be forthcoming.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

