

**Art & Culture Commission of Lemont  
Minutes from March 13, 2012**

In attendance:

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| Mona Parry     | Emily J.B. Christian |
| Susan M. Bruce | Heather Knies        |
| Eric Hawrysz   | Maggie Poplawski     |
| Ron Stapleton  |                      |

Absent: Barbara Tishuk

Guests: Randy Vick, Carla Cardona-Tapia

Old Business

The February minutes were reviewed and accepted as amended by Emily and seconded by Eric. The finance report has \$982.43 in budget (expense) account and \$19,114.99 in the contribution account. Usage of the accounts to pay expenses needs to be clarified with Ted. Sue will send him an email. Receipts need to be turned in to Mona by March 27 for reimbursement.

Maggie will go with Randy's group to the Donor's Forum to find out more about it on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Phone and internet will be \$75 a month with AT&T business package. They will come out March 30 to install. Ron will meet the tech. Eric will check out the color printer that was donated to A&CC. Ron will check with public works regarding a cultural attraction sign for Lemont Center for the Arts (LCA).

Committee restructuring will be delaying until we have 7 commissioners again. Commissioners will all try to do 1 day a month for gallery staffing.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton

Early voting through 3/15/12. Referendum for electric aggregation will be on the ballot. Three big businesses looking to come to Lemont. Village Hall will be remodeled. Forzley Chiropractic willing to display art and share LCA information.

Community/Newsletter/Grants - Barbara Tishuk

Barbara is absent. No news yet on the NEA grant. Maggie will submit the IAC Grant by March 15<sup>th</sup>. A response is expected late summer/early fall. The newsletter for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May needs an author, as Barbara will no longer be with us at that time. Eric will take on the duty of a feature article for this newsletter.

Art Organizations

Visual - Mona Parry

The guild will have a presenter demonstrate water-soluble oil paints at their next meeting, 3/21/12 at the library, 7:00.

Performing - Eric Hawrysz

NightBlue's space has been reclassified to assembly; therefore they are not able to

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open in April - now looking to June for an opening. Will start with kid's camp, high school production of Les Miserables. In Michigan this summer, there will be workshops featuring School House Rock and Shakespeare.

Business Liaison - Emily Christian

Nothing new.

School Liaison -

No reports.

Fundraising -

No reports.

Calendar/Gallery -

Faculty Exhibit March 2 - May 13. A reception will be held Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30. Mona will do a flyer; event will be posted on Facebook by Maggie, who will also notify Janice Hoppe and Amanda at the Patch. Sue will get food. We will offer a special discount to attendees of the open house.

Next exhibit: Ceramics, starting May 18. Continuing through mid-July. Committee members discussed the possibility of a themed show for IL Arts Month featuring poetry and visual art.

#### New Business

There will be a free workshop for youth ages 9-12 held at LCA on Sunday, March 18, 2012, in celebration of youth arts month. Maggie and Carla will lead students in three art-making activities, including Exquisite Corpse drawing game, an acrylic Pop Art style painting, and gesture figure drawing using students as models. The only charge to students is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials to be used.

Commissioners discussed purchases for LCA, including a new planter, shelves or other display furniture, and easels. The Commission will donate a t-shirt bundle to the Montessori silent auction fundraiser. Mona will be looking into the Mayor's Charity Fund for this year.

Class propositions are due mid-April for summer class listings so that the schedule may be distributed through the schools before the school year ends. Summer classes will run mid-June through August.

Applications for the open commissioner position will be reviewed in the near future. Carla has submitted an application, and we still also have others to consider from previous applicants.

LCA will be closed on Easter and Mother's Day.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with Eric making the motion and Heather seconding.

Respectfully submitted by Maggie Poplawski.

