

## **Art & Culture Commission of Lemont**

### **Minutes from November 9, 2012**

In attendance: Mona Parry  
Eric Hawrysz  
Susan M. Bruce  
Eric Hawrysz

Emily J.B. Christian  
Carla Cardona-Tapia  
Heather Knies  
Ron Stapleton

Guests: R. Vick, R. Lillwitz, L. Ristow

Absent: Maggie Poplawski

#### Old Business

The September minutes were accepted as corrected by Heather and seconded by Eric. Sue reported that there is a zero balance in the budget account and \$22,661.39 in the contribution account.

The center has the option of purchasing two types of track lighting from Alice Chin. Mona will negotiate with Alice for both types of lights as Bonus stated that both type of lights would be beneficial. The price that the commissioners would spend is \$350 for the lights and \$650 for installation by Bonus Electric. Bonus stated that the lights can be removed if have to vacate the premises.

The commission sold the television to Ross Lillwitz.

Sue and Mona assisted children at the Halloween Hoedown with a creating various types of masks. Over 100 masks were produced. Donations totaled \$16.

#### Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton

Taphouse Grill has opened and Ace is due to open soon. A Center for Dialysis and A video gaming, Dottie's, will be opening.

Community - Emily J. B. Christian

Emily stated that various businesses and institutions are limiting their acceptance of posters and announcement papers.

Art Organizations

Visual - Mona Parry

The guild is hosting a presenter of metal work. On 11-14-2012.

Performing - Eric Hawrysz

*Avenue Q* has ended, but it was the second best success that Night Blue has had. The Building here in town is in the process of hiring contractors.

School Liaison - Carla Cardona-Tapia

No new information.

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## Fundraising

In the spring, the commission is planning to decorate various sizes of pots. Mona will include information in the winter newsletter to inform artists.

## Calendar/Gallery

- The Holiday Bazaar will run from November 9 - December 23. Sue and Mona installed the show on three nights. Volunteers will be assisting with staffing the Center. There will be some days that the commissioners will have to open for the volunteers. There were 26 people who attended the *Preview Night* on November 9 from 6-8:00 p.m. The show is due to be dismantled on January 5, 2013. Artists will pick-up their work at that time.
- *Lemont Loves the Arts* will be a one month exhibit from January 11 -February 10.
- Old Quarry art students will be exhibiting in the spring of 2013.
- An opening for an exhibit is available for the February - April slot. Lee may submit a proposal.

## Grants - Maggie Poplawski

Maggie gave the logo to Mona to include in the winter newsletter.

## New Business

Maggie is developing a Cub/Girl Scout workshop for Friday, January 25. There may be another date for another troop in the future.

Mona and Rob met with Jay from Bonus Electric on 10-20-12 to brainstorm for funding a mural at the Bonus Electric site. A possible theme discussed is the 1885 Lemont Massacre which dealt with labor issues and unions. Bill Montgomery had plans to approach the unions to assist with funding. In 2015, there are plans for a reenactment of Lincoln's body being transported to his place of rest which includes Lemont. It would be ideal to have the mural in place for that reenactment.

Janice, a reporter from the *Lemont/Met*, would like to interview one of the commissioners for an article. Carla volunteered for the interview.

*Hometown Holiday* is Saturday, December 1 from 3-7:00 p.m. Carla and Heather will assist the children with an undetermined art project.

The commissioners are going to attempt to restructure the duties.

On January 5 the commissioners will meet to reconfigure the space at the Center. Ross volunteered to configure the space for proposals. Priorities for the Center are 1.) gallery space, 2.) classes, 3.) retail.

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

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce.

