

Art & Culture Commission of Lemont

Minutes from May 10, 2011

In attendance: Mona Parry
Emily J.B. Christian
Eric Hawrysz
Susan M. Bruce

Dave Walters
Meg Crowell
Ron Stapleton
Absent: Barbara Tishuk

Guest: Randy Vick

Old Business

The April minutes were reviewed and accepted first by Emily and seconded by Eric. Sue was unable to obtain an updated finance report. The last report showed that the contribution account total was \$19,293.96, but a few bills have been submitted.

Dave has been unable to meet with Gwen in regard to the volunteer possibility. Mona will speak to someone at the Village about the possibility of utilizing adults who have been required to serve community service hours.

Eric may not research the purchasing a curtain for drama presentations due to the possible new Night Blue site.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton

Springfield is cutting money everywhere. The new budget should be announced on May 20th. Mona and Sue have been renewed as commissioners.

Community Liaison - Barbara Tishuk

No new information at this time.

Art Organizations

Visual - Mona Parry

The April Guild meeting will feature a glass artist at the May 18 meeting.

Performing - Dave Walters

Dave requested that the Commission lend \$2000 for the deposit for the Night Blue rental of the old Blockbuster space.

Business Liaison - Emily J. B. Christian

The Historical Society is holding a Fall Festival on September 17th. The Farmers' Market and the Historical Society have requested that the commission host a children's activity at those events. After discussion, the commissioners decided that our participation is not possible.

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School Liaison - Dave Walters
No new information.

Grants and Fundraising

Meg stated that she is unable to continue with her participation in the Art and Culture Commission due to time restrictions. The commission will attempt to fill her position and wish to thank Meg for her past participation on the commission.

New Business

May 28 - July 24 will be an exhibit of senior citizen paintings from Emeritus. The reception will be on Saturday, June 4 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Sue drafted a proposal application form for future exhibits. The commissioners reviewed the draft and suggestions were offered. Sue will revise the draft and attempt to have it ready for the inclusion in the next newsletter. Mona will supply Sue with the shallow prototype.

The commissioners discussed holding a Community Reception that includes various organizations including, but not limited to Lemont Jr. Women's C, Park District, various churches, the Art Guild, the Chamber, and Timberline Knolls. Another possible event discussed as an event for the Illinois Arts Month in October was a concert.

Sue's email proposal of the commission's duties and responsibilities yielded little response, but discussion continued.

Mona applied for consideration in the distribution of the Mayor's Drive for Charity money.

Possible projects/programs for consideration in applying for the NEA grants include: Personnel salary, Industry Night, and a Program Night. Dana will be attending the next meeting to assist the commission with the grant process. Ron will obtain the required numbers from the Village that we need for the applications.

Dave Walters stated that Night Blue have received \$16,000 from grants that is earmarked for their summer programs. After discussion, Sue made the motion to lend Night Blue \$2000 for their security deposit at the old Blockbuster site that is contingent upon a mutually agreed upon contract. All commissioners present agreed with the motion with Dave and Eric courteously abstaining due to the fact that they have a conflict of interest in this motion.

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. with Eric making the motion and Dave seconding.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

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