Art & Culture Commission of Lemont Minutes from April 13, 2010

In attendance: Ron Stapleton Eric Hawrysz

Emily Christian Meg Crowell Mona Parry S. M. Bruce

Absent: Dave Walters

Old Business

The March minutes were reviewed and accepted by Eric and seconded by Meg. Finance report: Many bills have been turned into Jean against the village account. The new budget is \$2500 which is cut in half from last year. The contribution account has a total of \$15,746.85.

Chris had emailed some results from the survey. The commission would like to review when all results are tabulated.

The commission is uncertain if Randy plans to continue with the brochure. Donna had an example for the commission to examine.

Committee Reports

Village Liaison - Ron Stapleton

Ron suggested that all commissioners check on their expiration of their appointment. Sue's will expire on 4-30-2010. 81% of Lemont residents have responded to the census. The Art Center had 15 items that needed to be addressed for occupancy. Ron has been very generous with his time working at the site. Thank you, Ron. There will be new businesses in the shopping center near the Art Center and in the village.

Business Liaison - Emily Christian

No new information at this time.

School Liaison - Dave Walters

Not present.

Art Organizations:

Visual Art Liaison - Mona Parry

The Lemont Guild is working with the library about possible art for the tower. The Guild meeting on 4-14-10 will feature an art therapist. On 5-7-2010 an alliance may be holding a "Best of the Best" juried show at Mays Lake.

Performing Art

According to Eric, *Rent* had over \$50,000 in ticket sales. Their formal event at *Carnivale* is being held downtown Chicago. Casting for "Odd Couple" and "Little Women" has begun.

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Grants And Fundraising - Meg Crowell

Meg is contacting people whom may be interested in serving on the Fall Festival Committee. Including Group Interpretation from Lemont and Lockport High Schools were discussed as entertainment for the event. Sue has offered to assist with this.

New Business

Mona has completed the application for funding from the Mayor's Golf Outing on 4-26.

The commission is researching an artist waiver form. Mona was to check with Alice.

The commissioners are very excited for the Grand Opening of the Lemont Center for the Arts. In preparation, the commissioners discussed possible community projects. Various commissioners have purchased many items for the Center. The floor covering was intentionally delayed to determine what the site will need once we are occupying the site.

Discussion of replacements for the commission seat vacated by Randy was held. Mona will make contacts.

Meg informed the commissioners of the music and dance celebration, Cerqua Rivera in Chicago. This collaboration is a tribute to Matt Lamb.

Next meeting is scheduled for 5-11-2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce

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