# Art & Culture Commission of Lemont Minutes from October 12, 2010

In attendance: Emily J. B. Christian

Ron Stapleton

Mona Parry

S. M. Bruce

Barbara Tishuk

Guests:

Joan Roonev

Jerry Ptacek

not in attendance - Dave Walters, Eric Hawrysz, and Meg Crowell

#### Old Business

The September minutes were reviewed and accepted by Barb and seconded by Emily. Finance report: Sue did not receive requested update from Jean Nona.

The Grand Opening was a success on September 18, 2010. Approximately 200 people attended the afternoon and evening reception. We had purchased refreshments for about 100-people. Future events should-only-order-refreshments for about 50 people. We had many refreshments left over.

The Fall Art and Music Festival was held on October 2, 2010. Due to Meg's absence, no report was given. Some suggestions for next year's festival included keeping the artists all on one side of the street and displaying more signs at the street to promote the event. The raffle was held, but not all prizes have been picked up.

There has been no new information from Chris about the surveys. Mona will attempt again.

Ron will attempt to acquire the bulletin board, cabinet, and a computer for the Center.

## Committee Reports

Village Liaison – Ron Stapleton

There are going to be some new businesses downtown and uptown.

Community Liaison - Barb Tishuk

Barb is developing a newsletter that will include the list of prizes from the raffle. artists who participated in the Festival, and upcoming events. She will utilize the swallow logo. Donna Pecina from the Village Hall may be a helpful contact.

Business Liaison - Emily Christian No new information at this time.

School Liaison – Dave Walters No new information.

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#### Art Organizations:

Visual Art Liaison – Mona Parry

November 6<sup>th</sup> is the Guild show. Emily is going to participate and has agreed to be a representative for the Center.

Performing Art

There is no new information at this time.

Grants And Fundraising - Meg Crowell

No new information. The commission will wait for her report.

### New Business

Ron brought the Illinois Arts Alliance for Friendly Community Award to the Center. The announcement was made September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The commissioners discussed future exhibits, possible classes, staffing the center, and the possibility for an open studio. Mona, Sue, and Barb have been staffing the Center. Joan Rooney volunteered to be at the Center on the upcoming Sunday. Sue will open and close on that day. At this time, the Center is open on Saturdays from 10-4:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 12-4:00 p.m. The staff is tallying the number of people attending each day. Other possible events discussed include a Gallery Walk and Poetry Readings. Classes/workshops by Mona, Cyn, Heidi, and Linda may be in the future. Currently there is a new exhibit of Loreen Hospadar's and Mona Parry's work. After the new year, Jerry Ptacek may exhibit his photography. He had an example of his work and a new process that he is utilizing.

For December, an event of a Holiday Art Bazaar was discussed. The Center would have to open an additional day. Friday was determined to be the best day. It will be held from December  $3-19^{th}$  on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays. It will include fine art and fine craft. Mona also thought a "Make and Take" workshop should be included for a cost.

Some guidelines for future exhibits include:

The Center will receive 30% commission on all items sold.

If a reception is included, the artist will pay for refreshments, but we will purchase and set up.

The commissioners will hang the pieces with the artist's assistance.

The artist will volunteer some time in the Center.

The Center needs to purchase a ladder, step stool, rug, and track lighting in the future.

Emily will supply a "thank you" bracelet for the harpist.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11-9-2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lemont Center for the Arts. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Barb made the motion and Emily seconded it.

Respectfully submitted by S. M. Bruce