

TOWN OF VERNON
Vernon Arts Commission
Minutes of December 3, 2012

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Commissioners (C) & Associates (A) Present:

Irma Carter (C) Lisa Ouellette (C)
Judy Grosskortenhuis (C) Ginny Rogala (C)
Andrea Nardi (A) Bill Walach (C)
Bobbie Orne (C))

GUESTS:

John Kopec - Vernon Town Council
Judy Handler - Handler & Levesque
Joan Sonnanburg - VCAC
Rolande Duprey -PurpleRockProductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Acting Chair Ginny Rogala
Guests were introduced:

Judy Handler described artistic team of Handler & Levesque. Requests funding for music program to be held at VCAC - envisions a musical event (similar to one done at Bolton High School) with an international theme in Spring or Summer 2013. She will submit a formal request. **Rolande Duprey**, a puppeteer for 30 years in CT & owner of Purple Rock Productions - with all live productions and a number of performers. Interested in participating in VAC-sponsored Vernon school arts presentations - possibilities discussed.

Joan Sonnanburg, new director of the VCAC, discussed the VCAC Holiday sale dates and events. She is looking for volunteers, if interested. Discussed the invitation to the VAC to meet at the VCAC on a regular basis. VAC will plan to meet at VCAC starting in January, 2013. Town Clerk will be notified about our change in meeting place.

Minutes: The minutes were corrected to read "Festival of Bands" which was held on 10/20/12 and not on 11/20/12. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected was seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

VAC Town Account (as of 12/3/12)	\$1,130.00
Friends of VA (as of 12/3/12)	\$1,385.16

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Bus Trip to Hartford Stage on 12/15/12 to see a Christmas Carol.** Bus is full with a long waiting list. Tip-payment to bus driver - Motion to pay driver \$25 was seconded. Discussion. Motion failed with vote of 2 (yes) to 3 (no). New motion was made and seconded to pay driver \$1/pp - and not to exceed \$50 was seconded. Motion carried with vote of 3 (yes) and 2 (no). Ad for trip appeared once in Journal Inquirer. Second ad was cancelled via Bobbie to Claudia. Lisa will contact Claudia re: invoice.
- **VAC- Sponsored Veteran's Art Forum on Wednesday, 11/14/12 at Mitchell's Restaurant:** Several VAC members attended but no others. Bill offered to try again but with another approach.

- **FVAC Membership Drive:** Result = 31 total members - 17 new members, 15 renewal members. Cost = \$390. Suggestion was to consider "corporate matching" in the future.
- **FVAC Membership Benefits.** Motion to table discussion of the issue was seconded. Unanimously approved.
- **VAC Web Site:** Motion from last month was to pay John Carter a honorium of \$200 to establish the website (www.vernonct.tripod.com) which he has completed. He will be paid as of 12/3/2012. In his recommendations, John emphasized that the VAC should use the website on all of our documents, advertisements and correspondence. Someone is now needed to be the Webmaster of our site and our Facebook account ASAP. No success thus far cotacting the IT person for Town of Vernon who, hopefully, can help us link our web site to the town web site.
- **New Venue for VAC Monthly Meetings:** An invitation from the VCAC for VAC to hold their monthly meetings there has been received and accepted starting in January, 2013. A letter to the Town Clerk will be sent to notify them of the change with a cc to Joan Sonnanburg, Director of VCAC. The letter will include all meeting dates for 2013 as discussed with the members present tonight.
- **By-law procedure for Submitting Minutes and Agenda To Town of Vernon.** Reviewed. It was decided that Agendas will be hand delivered to the Town Clerk one week prior to the regular VAC meeting by the Acting Chair. The Secretary will hand deliver the signed minutes to the Town Clerk within one week of the regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **New Ideas for Future Programming Sponsored by VAC.** Motion to table further discussion and decisions until January meeting, seconded and unanimously approved. Possible Forum dates will need discussion.
- **Recruitment Efforts for New VAC Commissioners and Associates.** Discussion - do we need to do an ad (as Conservation Commission)? Do we ask people who we think might be interested to attend a meeting(s)? Some members have already done so with mixed results. This issue needs further discussion at a future meeting
- **Memorial Donation in Honor of Kevin Sharp.** A motion was made and seconded to donate a chair to the VCAC (cost \$45) in honor of Kevin as a previous VAC Treasurer who recently deceased. Unanimously approved. A plaque with his will be affixed to the chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 PM.

The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at the VCAC from 7 to 9 PM. Judy will be the next Acting Chair. Please notify her of any Agenda items and/or if you will be unable to attend the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Orne, Secretary

