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**VERNON ARTS COMMISSION**  
Minutes of August 6, 2012

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**Commissioners (C) & Associates (A) Present:**

Irma Carter (C)                      Bobbie Orne (C)  
Janine Gelineau (A)                Lisa Ouellette (C)  
Andrea Nardi (A)                    Ginny Rogala (C)

**Guests:**

John Kopec – Town Council

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM by Acting Chair Irma Carter.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of July 2, 2012 as circulated. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lisa Ouellette reported. A new, comprehensive form (Design, L.Ouellette) was implemented for the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

<b>Town Account Balance (as of 8/6/12)</b>	<b>\$11,240.00</b>
<b>Friends of VAC (as of 8/5/12)</b>	<b>\$ 1,331.89</b>

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Proposed Fall Bus Trip:** Motion made & seconded. Unanimously approved to allocate funds for an October trip to MASSMoCa in North Adams, MA. Donna Barnas has volunteered to coordinate the trip. Further details and specific prices will be reported at the September, 2012 meeting. Bobbie will contact Donna.
- **VAC "table-top" sign:** Price and sizes discussed in an e-mail from Thomasina in June, 2012. Discussion and decision tabled until September.
- **National Night Out, August 7<sup>th</sup>.** Face painter Jenna Rodriguez will be featured in the VAC booth. Bobbie will set up at 4:30 (festivities 5-8 PM) & need others to help – have table, chair, VAC crayons and Lisa will bring canopy, table.
- **Rotating VAC Acting Chairs Schedule:** Ginny = September, Bill = October, Lisa = November, Judy = December, Irma = January.
- **Possible VAC Change of Venue to VCAC:** Bobbie will make inquiries about making the VCAC the monthly meeting place for VAC.
- **Student Reps. for VAC:** Bobbie will connect with Jill. Criteria for "invitation" to student representatives has been approved by Jill.
- **VAC Artist's Forum:** Next Forum is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Possible VCAC venue but will depend on outcome of inquiry (see #5 above). May need to return to Mitchell's.
- **RCA Request for Funds:** Lisa sent application for funds in response to last month's VAC appearance by RCA. No response to date.
- **Addition of Fourth RHS Graduating Senior Scholarship "Category":** "A motion was made & seconded to add a fourth category – "literary arts" to the three existing scholarship categories and with it, an award of \$500 (same as other categories). Unanimously approved.

- **Ad for RHS Marching Band Program Booklet:** Janine presented three graphic proposals for ad followed by discussion. Janine will revise ad and circulate by e-mail for VAC member's approval.
- **VAC School Art Programs:** Lisa reported all school principals and "contacts" from last year have been contacted.
- **VAC Web Site:** Irma reported that the initial web site has been "published" and it is comprised of 9 pages (thus far) of hard copy. Members will need to examine the web site and **be prepared to discuss** it at the September meeting. Pictures are needed to enhance the web site. The address is: <http://vacvernonct.tripod.com>.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Proposal for Holiday Theatre-Bus Trip:** Bobbie noted that VAC has never done a theatre excursion and suggested a holiday 2012 bus-trip to Hartford Stage in Hartford to attend a matinee performance of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. The show's run is 11/23 to 12/29/12. She has discussed group ticket prices – generally - with Marni Lewis at HS. Bus prices and possible dates need investigation and a report will be made in late August (e-mail) or at the September meeting.
- **FVAC Membership Campaign:** Irma will create a letter and send to potential FVAC members with assistance from Judy and Thomasina. VAC has purchased Vernon Voter Registration lists for this purpose. A motion was made and seconded to spend \$40 for stamps. Unanimously approved. Report at September meeting.
- **Table Purchase:** A light-weight, folding table has been purchased by VAC. It will be stored at (and can be used by) VCAC.
- **Need for Commissioners:** Members agreed that publicity is needed to invite applicants.
- **Allocation of VAC Funds for 2012-13.** A motion was made & seconded for the following proposed expenditures:

<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>Vernon Chorale</b>
<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Fall Bus Trip</b>
<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>HSO 2013 Summer Concert</b>
<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>Vernon School Art Programs</b>
<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>VCAC Requests for Programs</b>
<b>Total=\$7,300</b>	<b>Expenditure Allocations. Unanimously Approved.</b>
- **Program Suggestion:** Janine suggested a docent-led "Walking Tour of Art at the UConn Health Center which reportedly is quite extensive. More information at September meeting.
- **Scholarship Thank You:** Received from J. Bearse, a graduating RHS student.
- **Funding Thank You:** Received from VCAC for recent programs.

**The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2012 (because of Labor Day on 9/3/12) at the Teen Center, Center 375, Route**

**30. Ginny Rogala will be the Acting Chair. Please send all agenda items to her. The Agenda must be submitted by August 31<sup>st</sup> to Town Hall.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbie Orne, Secretary