

**VERNON ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of September 10, 2012**

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

Donna Barnas (A)	Andrea Nardi (A)
Irma Carter (C)	Bobbie Orne (C)
Thomasina Clemons (A)	Lisa Ouellette (C)
Janine Gelineau (A)	Ginny Rogala (C)
Judy Grosskortehus (C)	Bill Walach (C)

**Guests:**

Pam DiDio - RCA  
Tom DiDio - RCA  
Julie Koper - RHS

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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Acting Chair Ginny Rogala.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 6, 2012 as circulated. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

<b>Town Account Balance (as of 9/10/12)</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>
<b>Friends of VAC Balance (as of 9/10/12)</b>	<b>\$1,330.41</b>

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Guests from the RCA** spoke about the upcoming RCA sponsored Rockville Fest to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2012 from 10-3 in Rockville's downtown area. They requested \$300 from the VAC to assist with publicity for the event. Questions asked by VAC and issues clarified. Discussion ensued after guests had left. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$150 to RCA. An amendment to the motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 rather than \$150. Original motion defeated. Amended motion unanimously passed.
- **VAC Monthly Meetings.** Bobbie explained the need to continue meeting at Teen Center for the next few months. All town commissions have an opportunity to make a change in venue, annually, at end of calendar year. We can request VCAC venue at that time (D. Wheelock suggested we apply this November). We also need a letter from VCAC "inviting" VAC to use VACA's venue for monthly meetings. Irma will speak with VCAC.
- **Proposed VAC bus trip to MASSMoCa** was cancelled because a bus was not available for the date proposed. Suggestion to rethink this trip for spring 2013.
- **Proposed Table Top signage for VAC.** Thomasina reviewed sizes and prices. Discussion ensued but issue tabled until October meeting.
- **Review of National Night Out (August 7, 2012)** illuminated the need for ensuring that VAC-sponsored artists/performers use their own equipment at events. VAC's NNO booth was a successful endeavor featuring face painting by Jenna Rodriguez who was excellent.
- **RHS Student Rep. Recruitment** via VAC & Jill Goldberg collaboration has brought an potentially interested senior student, Julia. Koper, to the meeting tonight.

- **Next Artists' Forum** is scheduled for October 22, 2012 from 7-9 PM at Mitchell's Restaurant. Donna has confirmed the date with them. Claudia will do publicity.
- **RHS Marching Band Program Ad** (competitive Band Day is October 20<sup>th</sup> at RHS). Janine presented her finished graphic for the ad. Well done!
- **Proposed VAC bus trip to Hartford Stage to see Dickens' A Christmas Carol.** Bobbie presented two possible dates; need to coordinate bus availability with Hartford Stage availability – 12/8 first choice, 12/15 second. A motion was made and seconded to make definite plans for this event. Bobbie will make arrangements for Saturday matinee tickets and deposits for a bus.
- **VAC Membership Drive.** The letter describing VAC membership was reviewed and approved. The VAC Membership year will be 10/31 to 10/30. A motion was made and seconded to use monies from Friends of VAC account to fund membership drive materials. Unanimously approved. Target date for drive has been changed to October 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Walking Tour of UConn HC.** Janine explained possibilities for docent-led tours (No Fee) and discussed some of the art work. More later.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Issue = Should non-residents pay a higher fee on VAC sponsored bus trips?** Discussion but tabled until next meeting.
- **Issue = Tipping Bus Drivers.** A motion was made and seconded to tip bus drivers and the tip should be built into cost of tickets. Unanimously approved.

**The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7 PM at the Teen Center, Center 375. Bill Walach will be the Acting Chair. Please send all Agenda items to him. Agendas are to be submitted to Town Hall one week prior to the meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbie Orne, Secretary