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VERNON ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of July 2, 2012

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Commissioners (C) & Associates (A) Present:

Irma Carter (C)	Bobbie Orne (C)
Thomasina Clemons (A)	Lisa Ouellette (C)
Judy Grosskortenhuis (C)	Lori Robeau (C)
Janine Gelineau (A)	Ginny Rogala (C)
Andrea Nardi(a)	Bill Walach (C)

Guests

Pam DiDio – RCA
 John Kopec – Town Council
 Ross Novgrad
 Jim Sendrak – RCA

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Acting Chair Lisa Ouellette.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of May 7, 2012 as circulated. Unanimously approved. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of June 6, 2012 as circulated. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Irma Carter reported:

Town Account (as of 6/30/12)	\$514.71
Friends of VAC	\$789.14

- **Budget (July 1, 2012-July1,2013)** **\$11,640.00**

Lisa Ouellette has assumed the Treasurer’s position as of July 1, 2012.

Guest Presentations:

Pam DiDio and Jim Sendrak (both from RCA). Described the organization’s activities in relation to the town of Vernon and other community groups. They extended an invitation to attend their monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at Bev’s Corner in Rockville. They are requesting funds for community events, specifically referenced was the Rockville Fest on September 25, 2012. They will submit a formal request for VAC’s consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **VAC-Sponsored Bus Trip to Talcott Mountain/HSO – July 13, 2012**
To date, 81 tickets sold (at the “break-even” point). Dead line for reservations is July 6th with maximum # of 110.
- **Artist’s Forum – July 23, 2012.**
Not yet able to use VCAC as planned. Will return to Mitchell’s Restaurant from 9 PM. Bill offered to “MC.” Lisa will see that a check is provided for Mitchells.
- **National Night Out – August 7, 2012 from 5-8 PM on Park Place in Rockville**
- VAC will, again, sponsor “booth.” Face painter, Jena Rodriguez is scheduled for the booth. It was agreed that VAC will pay her “up to \$300.”
- **Possible VAC-Sponsored October Bus Trip.** A suggestion that the destination MASSMoCa in North Adams, MA was made. Donna Barnas has made inquiries re: prices, buses, etc. A motion & a second was made to table discussion until August when Donna can describe her findings. Unanimously approved.

- **Friends of VAC Membership Recruitment Drive.** Work has not yet begun. Irr who has volunteered to chair this project, will submit a report at August meeting.
- **Letter to School Principals for VAC-funded School Art Programs..** Lisa reported this is underway and she will discuss again soon.
- **RHS Student Representative(s) to VAC.** Bobbie has spoken to Jill Goldberg who will be remaining in her position and will be actively collaborating with Bobbie in the recruitment of RHS students. An “invitation” to RHS students in the arts will be re-designed and finalized by the August VAC meeting.
- **VAC Web-Site Development.** It was decided that plans for this project will take more time than can be devoted in a regular meeting. A motion was made & seconded to hold a “special meeting” devoted to the development of the web-site. It was agreed that the meeting would take place on July 16th at 7:30 PM at VCAC. Thomasina will contact the Town Clerk and request the special meeting, allowing for a 24 hour notification period prior to the meeting. All members are requested bring the e-mailed hard copy of proposed web-site outline to the July 16th meeting.
- **Veterans for the Arts Program.** Bill reported the program is planned to be like the Artist’s Forum. The date for the Veteran’s program will be Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the VCAC.
- **Vernon Community Arts Center.** Lori (and others) reported the Grand Opening on June 9th was extremely successful. Lori announced VCAC’s hours: Thursday 4-8 PM, Friday, 11-3 PM, Saturday, 11-4 PM and Sunday, 12-4 PM. The VCAC Summer Events – Classes and Workshops - brochure was distributed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Support for RHS Marching Band Program.** Lisa made a motion and it was seconded to fund a whole page program ad for \$100 fee. Unanimously approved. Janine will draft an ad and bring to the August meeting.
- **VAC By-Laws.** Updated (2008) changes have been located and were distributed all present.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM. Unanimously approved.

The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, August 6, 2012 at 7 PM at the VCAC. Irr has volunteered to be the Acting Chair of the meeting. Please send all agenda items to her.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Orne, Secretary