

**VERNON ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of October 1, 2012**

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

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

**Guests:**

John Kopec – Vernon Town Council  
Julia Koper – Student Rep. - RHS

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Acting Chair Bill Walach.

**Minutes:** Minutes were corrected to read: on page 1 (last bullet) a, not an, AND (guest) Julia, not Julie; on page 2 (4<sup>th</sup> bullet) FVAC, not VAC. A motion was made & seconded to approve the Minutes as corrected. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer reported:

<b>VAC Town Account Balance (as of 11/1/12)</b>	<b>\$2,030.00</b>
<b>Friends of VAC Balance (as of 11/1/12)</b>	<b>\$1,217.68</b>

A motion was made & seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

**It was moved and seconded to add two items to tonight's Agenda** (Reports on: VAC web site and a report on the VCAC). **Unanimously approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Proposed Table Top Signs for VAC.** A motion was made & seconded to table the issue until the next meeting so that Thomasina can enable further discussion and decision. Unanimously approved.
- **Next VAC Artist's Forum:** Arrangements have been made by Donna to have it at Mitchell's Restaurant on 10/22/12 from 7-9 PM. Claudia will be contacted about doing publicity. Bill volunteered to "MC."
- **VAC Sponsored RHS Marching Band Ad:** Will appear in the booklet for the RHS Battle-of-the Bands Day to be held on 11/20/12.
- **VAC Sponsored Holiday Bus Trip to Hartford Stage:** Date set for a 2 - 4 PM matinee on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> to see A Christmas Carol by Dickens. Price is \$15/pp including bus and tickets. Deposits have been paid to Hartford Stage (\$308, leaving balance of \$462 – due 11/15/12) and to Post Road Stages (\$100, leaving balance of \$500). A signed W-9 Form received from H.S. Reservations will be taken by Associate Andrea Nardi beginning Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadline for reservations (only receipt of check assures reservation) is Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Bus to leave commuter lot (across from Ctr. 375) at 1 PM and return at 4:30. Claudia has agreed to do publicity. A motion was made & seconded to spend up to \$500 for newspaper ads. E-mails will be sent to prior-event attendees.
- **VAC Sponsored UConn HC Art Tour:** A motion was made & seconded to table the issue until the next meeting so Janine can enable further discussion and decision. Unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **VAC Sponsored Veterans' Arts Forum:** Date is Tuesday, 11/13/12 & will be held at Mitchell's Restaurant and facilitated by Bill. He will discuss publicity with Claudia. A motion was made & seconded to spend up to \$500 on ads. Unanimously approved.

- **Issue = Should Out-of-Town VAC Sponsored Event Attendees Be Charged More?** A motion was made & seconded **not** to charge o-o-t attendees more money for VAC sponsored events. Discussion. Motion unanimously approved.
- **Issue = Does the VAC Member In Charge of a VAC Bus Trip Pay For the Trip?** A motion was made & seconded that the VAC member in charge of the bus does **not** need to pay. Motion was approved with a yes vote of four (4) and one (1) abstention.
- **Issue = Do All VAC Event-Attendees Need to Pay?** It was moved & seconded that all VAC members will pay for events unless they are in charge of a bus. Unanimously approved.
- **Report on Town Council Decision Regarding VAC Scholarship Funding:** Lisa reported as the VAC representative. The Council supported the VAC request with one (1) no vote recorded. Lisa and John discussed issues raised by Council with VAC members.
- **VAC Web Site:** A motion was made & seconded to give the web site developer an honorarium. Discussion ensued but no decision was made and motion failed. A motion was then made and seconded to table the discussion until the next meeting. Motion passed with four (4) yes votes and one (1) abstention.
- **VCAC Report:** Irma reported for the VCAC: 1) the VCAC Director, Lori Robeau, resigned in September and they are interviewing for a new director, 2) at present, Melissa Ralston-Jones, the Associate Director is in charge assisted by a number of volunteers and 3) the VAC's request for a document "inviting" (with conditions) the VAC to meet at the VCAC has been sent to Paul Shimer, President of the VCAC board.

**The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Teen Center, Center 375. Lisa Ouellette will be the Acting Chair. Please send all Agenda items to her. Agendas are to be submitted to the Town Hall one week prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact Lisa.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbie Orne, Secretary