

**TOWN OF VERNON**  
**Vernon Arts Commission**  
**Minutes of August 5, 2013**

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**Commissioners (C) & Associate Commissioners (A) Present**

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

**Guests**

Bruce Jones, Chair of Vernon  
Chorale plus three Chorale  
Board membes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM at the VCAC by Acting Chair Irma Carter.

**Guests:** Bruce Jones introduced himself as Chair and the other members of the Vernon Chorale Gthe Chorale, historically, and 3) how recent town budget issues might impact the Chorale's request for monies from VAC. A written request for \$1500 was submitted.

**Minutes:** A motion was made (Ginny) & seconded (Lisa) to approve the minutes of the July 2013 meeting. Unanimously approved. Lisa reported that the June, 2013 minutes (recorded and disseminated by Thomasina) do not appear on the Town website. Thomasina will submit these to the Town Clerk.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lisa Ouellette distributed a detailed report.

<b>Town Account</b> (as of 8/2013)	\$8,524.00
<b>Friends of VAC</b>	\$1,308.75
Expenses: HSO Bus trip = \$1,000	
Driver tip	= \$ 120
Flyer	= \$ 4.25
Printing	= \$ 116
Income: Bus Trip	= \$1,530

A motion was made (Ginny) & seconded (Irma) to take money for the magnets (\$116) out of VAC advertising budget. Unanimously approved.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **VAC Bus Trip to MASS MoCa on 10/5/2013.** Donna Barnas who is in charge of the trip will be taking phone reservations. Publicity is underway – coordinating with Claudia. Lisa will ask Joan about using the VCAC e-mail lists to publicize trip. Bobbie suggested putting together a new VAC e-mail list for publicity purposes using remnants of old Artist Forum list (which is no longer viable). Should be available for September meeting.
- **Long Range Planning.** Discussions on 7/23 addressed by Bill, Lisa, Andrea, Ginny and Bobbie. Many issues considered. Focus on increasing number of Commissioners and Associate Commissioners seen as of paramount importance. Ginny has initiated recruiting via small group e-mails.
- **Website Update:** Lisa reported that all are up to date.
- **Regional Arts Meeting:** Lisa volunteered to check on arts commissions and associations in the area. Will report in September.

- **Congratulatory Letter to UCONN professor:** Bobbie and Thomasina will collaborate.
- **VAC-sponsored Vernon Public Schools Arts Programs:** A number of concerns about these programs was discussed including school interest in participating, cost to VAC and school contacts & follow-up. Lisa suggested deadline for funding application as February, 2014. A motion was made (Irma) & seconded (Lisa) to maintain funding programs in the elementary schools and eliminate program funding for VCMC and RHS. Unanimously approved. A motion was made (Irma) & seconded (Ginny) to fund four elementary schools at \$250 and Center Road School will be funded at \$300. Motion failed. A motion was made (Lisa) & seconded (Irma) to fund all five elementary schools at \$250 each. Unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Artist's Day at Valley Falls Farm.** The day's music will sponsored by the VAC as it was the last time the event was held (2011). Judy Handler and Mark Levesque have agreed to play for two hours on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> on the outside-porch venue of the tenant house. A motion was made (Irma) & seconded (Lisa) to fund their performance at no more than \$450. Unanimously approved. Lisa will proceed with the Town paperwork for funding. Bobbie will request the contract be sent ASAP.
- **VCAC:** Irma discussed the programs & exhibits that are planned for the coming year.
- **National Night out in Rockville on 8/6/2013.** VAC will participate with a booth. Andrea and Bobbie will set up and any other VAC members are encouraged to attend from 5-8 PM. New magnets with VAC logo and pertinent information (from Blue Wave) will be distributed along with the updated VAC Information cards.
- **Vernon Chorale:** A motion was made (Irma) & seconded (Lisa) to fund the Chorale this year for \$1500. Unanimously approved.
- **VAC-Sponsored Trip to Hartford Stage – A Proposal:** Bobbie proposed we sponsor a trip to see a Christmas Carol at Hartford Stage this November/December. Last year's trip was an immediate sellout and enjoyed by all. Bobbie will get in touch with her contact at Hartford Stage and have more information for the September meeting.
- **Announcements:** Irma reported that admission to all state parks is free to those over 65 y/o. Lisa reported that admission is free on Saturdays at the NBMAA.
- **VCAC- Sponsored Puppet Programs in September:** A motion was made (Bobbie) & seconded (Irma) to award \$600 to the VCAC for three puppet program performances to be held in September plus an additional \$50 to VCAC for publicity for these programs WITH THE understanding that the VAC be appropriately acknowledged as a co-sponsor. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

**The next meeting will be held on the second Monday of September – the 9<sup>th</sup> – because of Labor Day. Ginny will be the Acting Chair and will notify Bill of the change in schedule.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Orne, Secretary

