

TOWN OF VERNON
Vernon Arts Commission
Minutes of April 1, 2013

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Commissioners (C) & Associate Commissioners (A)

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Acting Chair Ginny Rogala at the VCAC.

Minutes: The March minutes were corrected to read (page 1, Artist's Forum) April 29, not March, 29.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Town Account	Remaining Balance = \$0
FVAC	\$1,205.06

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- **VAC Website Update:** Lisa reported she met with Bob Sigan (Vernon's new IT Director) who, along with Nicole Kiefer, readily agreed to work with the VAC to link the VAC website to the town website.
- **Artist's Forum:** Next Forum will be held on April 29th from 7 to 9 PM at the VCAC. A "SAVE THE DATE" notice was posted on the VAC's Artist Forum's e-mail list in late March, Another notice will be sent out the second week in April. Irma will contact Claudia about publicity for the Forum.
- **Recruitment of New VAC Members:** Judy Grosskortenus has verbally stated she will resign and was asked to send the mayor a formal letter of resignation. Bobbie will follow up in contacting Judy. Irma will contact Claudia about publicity re: need for Commissioners & Associate Commissioners.
- **VAC's Town Budget Hearing** was held on Saturday, March 30th at Town Hall. Commissioners Ginny Rogala, Bobbie Orne and Lisa Ouellette were present to represent the VAC. Comments and questions raised by the Council will need to be further addressed by the VAC.
- **FVAC Membership Benefits:** Issue tabled until next meeting.
- **Possible VAC fall events:** A bus trip to several museums was discussed (MASS Mo CA and Worcester Museum). Possible dates selected & rank ordered: First 10/5/13, 10/19/213 and last 9/28/13. Donna Barnas will chair the event and arrange for transportation and museum. Irma will contact Donna.

- **VAC's HSO Summer Concert:** The date will be Friday, July 19th featuring the music of John Williams. Cost for each bus = \$600 & ^{two} will be ordered. There will be a seven day release for a bus. Tickets will be offered at \$15 pp. There is a need for a VAC rep. on each bus.
- **School Programs:** If a VAC member is able to attend one of the remaining programs, they are encouraged to do so. Call Lisa for details – dates, time and venues.
- **Creative Communities Exchange:** To be held in Portland, Maine on Jun 6 and 7. Lisa is hoping to attend & if others are interested, contact her.
- **VAC Information Handout (card)** has been updated by Andrea. Lisa will work on printing issues.
- **Request for Funding** as discussed at March meeting (see minutes) was revised as requested by Joan Sonnanburg. A motion was made and seconded to take \$700 out of the Performer's (body sound suit fund for April program) and also use \$60 for advertising. Unanimously approved. A motion was made & seconded to change funding for harp program scheduled for June to \$400 (\$100 less than previously approved). Unanimously approved. The funding for the Ross Novgrad concert of June 8th at VCAC was changed - \$550 from VAC and \$50 from FVAC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **VAC Agendas:** Discussion about possible need to change the agenda. Members will research and consider other arts organization's formats at future time.
- **2013 VAC-Sponsored RHS Scholarships:** No applications were received for the Drama Scholarship this year. In lieu of this fact, it was decided to award scholarships on the basis of the four top scoring applicants,
- **Bus Trips as Fundraisers** briefly discussed and will further discuss at later time.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 8th at 7 PM at the VCAC. Acting Chair for that meeting will be Irma Carter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Orne, Secretary

