

TOWN OF VERNON
Vernon Arts Commission
Minutes of May 6, 2013

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

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

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The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM at the VCAC.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as circulated. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

FVAC	\$1,096.56
Town Account	\$ 1.05

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Website Update:** Lisa met with John Carter re: VAC Tripod website. It was found that some of the present Tripod website pages need revamping. Tripod website now linked to the Town of Vernon website. Presently can download forms from Tripod onto the Town website and can print them out from there. The Town IT personnel are assisting with website updates and links and are very helpful.
- **Artist's Forum of 5/29/13:** Not well attended. There were only three guests including one representative each from Tolland and Manchester Arts commission/Associations plus one other guest. Action needed: the VAC needs to determine 1) if an Artist's Forum is still needed, 2) whether the Forum should be held less frequently and/or 3) if a reconfiguration of the Forum is needed. It was suggested that the VAC could host a regional meeting of representatives from area art associations/commissions where this group could explore ideas and exchange perspectives. Irma and Bobbie volunteered to explore the possibilities.
- **VAC Commissioners & Associate Commissioners Recruitment Update:** No information about media recruitment process. Irma will call Claudia to check on coverage plans. Judy has not yet signed a resignation form. Lisa will follow through on this. It was determined that a previous recruit's references were apparently not processed by Town Hall. The VAC needs to follow up on a recruit's paper work in the future.
- **VAC-Sponsored Fall Bus Trip to the MASSMoCa Museum.** Donna reported the event will be Saturday, 10/5/13. Bus is reserved, cost = \$1225 for 55 passenger bus. Museum cost = \$13.50 pp. Museum hours = 11-5 PM, a two hour bus ride from Vernon and a two week bus cancellation clause. Discussion of pp price for trip – likely about \$35. Firm decision about \$ needed soon.
- **VAC-Sponsored Summer Bus Trip to HSO at Talcott Mountain:** Two buses have been reserved for the Friday, July 19th event featuring the music of John Williams. Arrangements are set. Tickets will be offered at \$15 pp. Irma will post a "Save the Date" e-mail on the concert e-mail list and will coordinate with Claudia for publicity.

- **Future School Art Programs:** Lisa reported that the process for implementing elementary arts programs appears to be "OK." However, at the Middle and High Schools there may be a need for varied types of programs – ones that may be more relevant to the students. Bobbie volunteered to assist with planning these programs
- **Creative Communities Exchange:** Lisa will be attending this program to be held in Portland, Maine on June 6th and 7th.
- **VAC Budget Approval:** Still undetermined. Town budget will be approved or not by Vernon voters at a referendum on May 7, 2013.
- **VAC Information-Card Update:** Revised by Andrea in consultation with Lori. Decided not to reprint cards because VAC presently has over 500. Lisa suggested the use of labels (stickers) to cover outdated information on card and correct with current information. A motion was made and seconded to use FVAC funds for this project. Unanimously approved.
- **VAC-Sponsored RHS Scholarships:** Four scholarships will be awarded on May 23rd at the RHS Awards Night: Lisa Mueller, Rachel Nutt, Kirby Stalley and Carilyn Blonstein.

NEW BUSINESS:

Long Term Planning. An informal discussion will be held about LTP for the VAC on Tuesday, July 23rd - 6:30 PM at the home of Bobbie Orne.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, June 3rd from 7-9 PM at the VCAC. Bill Walach will be the Acting Chair.

Respectively Submitted

Bobbie Orne, Secretary

