

**Town of Vernon  
Vernon Arts Commission  
Minutes of September 9, 2013**

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Acting Chair Bill Walach.

**MINUTES:** Bobbie reported that the first & second sentences in the August 5, 2013 Minutes (Guests) needs to be completed as follows: "...Chorale attending. Discussion re: 1) the Chorale, 2) the relationship between the VAC and support of the Chorale...." **Also:** Under OLD BUSINESS – Regional Arts Meeting – the last sentence should read "Andrea (not Lisa) volunteered....." A motion was made & seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Lisa Ouellette distributed a detailed report.

<b>Town Account</b>	\$6,456.01
<b>FVAC Account</b>	\$1,465.74

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Update on VAC Bus Trip to MASSMoCa Scheduled for 10/1/13.** Donna reported there has not been a strongly positive response by the public to this trip – concerned the trip may need to be cancelled. The bus company allows up to 10 days prior to the trip to cancel without penalty. Forty-four people are needed to make the trip a "go." A motion was made & seconded to cancel the trip on September 23<sup>rd</sup> if there are insufficient numbers of people. Unanimously approved. Lisa will send additional e-mails regarding the trip.
- **Solicitation for New VAC Commissioners & Associate Commissioners.** Further active solicitation is needed through: web-site information, e-mails, media publicity and personal VAC contacts. Emphasis will be on the need for "people interested in the arts."
- **Regional Arts Meeting.** Andrea investigated & reported on some of the Art Commissions and Art Associations in the area including Manchester, Somers, Stafford, Tolland, Enfield and East Hartford. Discussion re: the possibility of VAC hosting a regional meeting – when & who to include, the possibility of partnerships in hosting a meeting, goals for a meeting and potential outcomes. The issue tabled until the October meeting.
- **Congratulatory Letter to Vernon Artist.** Thomasina suggested that the time frame for a letter is not presently warranted.
- **Artist's Day at Valley Falls Farm – August 25, 2013.** VAC members and others who attended agreed that it was a very successful endeavor. No auction this year which made closure somewhat awkward. VAC sponsorship of the music by and Handler & Levesque was well received – all agreed the music was terrific.
- **National Night Out in Rockville in August 6, 2013.** Big crowds. VAC distributed magnets with VAC logo and VAC information cards. It was agreed that this event offers positive exposure for

the VAC. Plans for this event should be done early and put on the VAC schedule for August, 2014.

- **Vernon Community Arts Center Report:** Irma reported dates and descriptions of upcoming events – THE WORLD OF PUPPETRY (from: UConn Puppetry Arts Program and the Ballard Institute at UCONN ) is the theme at VCAC from September 8<sup>th</sup> until October 5th. VAC is co-sponsoring/funding. Discussion of how funding is activated ensued.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Possible VAC Trip to Hartford Stage for a performance of A Christmas Carol.** Bobbie reported that there is a new person coordinating group ticket sales at Hartford Stage. A contact has been made with Theresa MacNaughton and details will be forthcoming.
- **Funding for Vernon Public School Arts Programs.** Discussion of changes which have recently been made regarding the funding process. It was agreeable to all that the decisions made at the August VAC meeting are appropriate (see VAC Minutes, August, 2013).
- **Ad for RHS Marching Band Event Program – to be held on 10/19/13.** A motion was made & seconded to spend \$100 for an ad. Money will come from Advertising budget. Unanimously approved.
- **Membership Renewals.** A motion was made (Irma) & seconded (Bill) to spend \$200 from FVAC account for copying and postage. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2013, 7 PM at the VCAC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Orne, Secretary

