

**TOWN OF VERNON**  
**VERNON ARTS COMMISSION**  
Minutes of March 10, 2014

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

Sandy Justin (C)

Andrea Nardi (A)

Lisa Ouellette (C)

Thomasina Clemons (A)

Bobbie Orne (C)

Ginny Rogala (

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Acting Chair Ginny Rogala.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made (Sandy) and seconded (Lisa) to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 VAC meeting as circulated. Unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Town Account

\$ 957.01

FVAC

\$2,062.56

The Treasurer distributed a detailed financial report. A motion was made (Sandy) and seconded (Bobbie) to approve the Treasurer's Report as circulated. Unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

• **Request For VAC Funding:**

1. VCAC Request: A motion was made (Sandy) and seconded (Ginny) to award the VCAC \$800 + \$200 to fund the VCAC Fundraising Gala to be held on 5/10/14. See minutes of 2/2014 for more details. Unanimously approved.
  2. The Historical Society's request for funding (\$500) for a joint VAC & H.S. program on dance on 6/21/14 needs clarification in order for approval for funding. Lisa has been in contact with H.S.'s Ardis Abbott but clarity is still needed & Lisa will contact her again. It was unanimously agreed to table the issue until further information is received.
  3. Individual business cards for all VAC members. Lisa investigating cards from Vista Point (online). Discussed designs of cards – VAC logo, web site plus each person will have own information on the card (e.g., personal e-mail address). Order will be for 250 cards/pp x 13 people (will have cards with no personal data for new members or for special occasions). A motion was made (Lisa) & seconded (Ginny) to approve spending no more than \$150. Unanimously approved.
  4. Upgrade for VAC Website. Members felt advertising on website was distracting. Lisa reported that for \$5.95/month we could eliminate the advertising on website. A motion (Lisa) was made & seconded (Sandy) to make this upgrade for no more than \$100/year.
  5. Purchase of table-top size VAC signage. Suggested using "information" card "graphic and the phrase "Sponsored by VAC." Andea will do a mock-up.
  6. Request for \$800 by Thomasina Clemons (President of Rockville Public Library Board) to fund (in part) a program of exceptional music on 6/1/14 in the library's large reading room. Performer is the noted Elizabeth Lyra Ross. A motion was made (Lisa) & seconded (Sandy) to help fund this program via \$450 from VAC Town Account and \$350 from FVAC account. Unanimously approved.
- **VAC-Sponsored Cultural Excursions:** Donna has provided some basic information on two possible trips – Springfield, MA Museum & the Museum of Worcester, MA. Ginny will ask Donna to present possible dates and comparative costs for each trip.

- **Vernon Volunteer Collaborative:** Bobbie reported on the groups' activities and plans for future. New website = vernonvolunteers.org.
- **Proposed Summer Trip To HSO at the Talcott Mountain Music Festival.** Discussion tabled until April.
- **Proposed Collaborative Regional Arts Program Sponsored by VAC in spring 2014.** Tabled until April meeting.
- **VAC Budget Hearing.** Problems with VAC members' ability to attend due to personal schedules. Lisa will request a hearing on a week day rather than, as now scheduled, for Saturday, 3/22/14.
- **VAC-Sponsored Vernon Chorale Appearance at a Town Council Citizens Forum.** E-mail received from Bruce Jones requesting information. Thomasina will reply.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **VAC Scholarship Applications:** Fifteen Applications. Irma will make copies for each Commissioner and distribute. Deadline for evaluations is April 1<sup>st</sup> to Irma.
- **Publicize VAC Scholarships:** Discussed need to better publicize scholarships next year. Agenda item for future meeting.
- **Ideas for VCMS & RHS Art Programs.** No time left for spring 2014 programs but the need for ideas for next year. Lisa discussed a Hartford IMPROV program.

A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Unanimously approved.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7PM at VCAC. Irma will be the Acting Chair. Please send all Agenda items to her.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbie Orne, Secretary

