

**TOWN OF VERNON  
VERNON ARTS COMMISSION  
Minutes of August 4, 2014**

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

Donna Barnas (A)  
Sandy Justin (C)  
Bobbie Orne (C)

Lisa Ouellette (C)  
Ginny Rogala (C)

**Guests:**

John Kopak  
Mike May

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Sandy Justin at 7:07 PM.

Guest Mike May (Broad Brook Opera House) presented an idea and an unfinished script re: a Christmas "spoof" he is currently working on for possible presentation to local/regional audiences. He asked VAC members to review the script, make comments and return it to him.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 7, 2014 minutes. Unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

<b>Town Account:</b>	<b>\$6,524.00</b>
<b>FVAC</b>	<b>\$1,973.86</b>

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None received.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Funding Requests** – None received.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - \* **Vernon Volunteer Collaborative (VVC).** Bobbie reported the group had a private meeting with the mayor to introduce each groups' representative(s) and to describe the various VVC organizations .
  - \* **Vernon Public Schools Art Projects.** Lisa will send out introductory "welcome" letter to all schools. Donna Barnas volunteered to be the VAC rep. to the Northeast School. All schools are now partnered with a Vernon School (see VAC Minutes of July. 2014).
  - \* **Programs - National Night Out (tomorrow night) August 5, 2014.** Planning complete. A four-table booth with canopy will be set up. Activity will be mask-decorating by children facilitated by VAC members. Funded by VAC Town account (office supplies) and FVAC account.
  - \* **Website and Marketing: Newly Purchased VAC Signage** unveiled – two large posters and a large table covering for multiple-use displays. Unanimous acclaim for new items.
  - \* **Commissioners and Associate Commissioners – Status of Membership & Recruitment:** No report.
  - \* **Networking/Peer Advising/State of CT Office of the Arts/Regional Arts Collaboration.** Tabled until future meeting.

- **Friends of VAC Activity:**
  - \* **Renewal and Membership Drive** information need discussion when Irma can be present.
  - \* **Funding Requests & Approvals:** None received.
  - \* **Cultural Excursions:** The VAC-HSO bus (single) trip & concert on 7/11/2014 was reportedly a "good time."
- **Next Event** will be 10/18/2014 to Springfield Museum. Donna will coordinate & take reservations. Package price pp = \$30 – includes bus (\$750), museum admission including docent tour and a driver gratuity. Bus to leave CTR 375 at 9:15 AM; leave Springfield at 4PM. Donna will contact Claudia and Irma (e-mail lists) about publicity.
- **VAC Scholarships:** Donna made a motion & it was seconded that profits from future VAC cultural excursions be dedicated to RHS Art Scholarships. Unanimously approved.
- **Other Activity:** None at this time.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- \* **Funding Requests:** Potential regarding.....
- **Vernon Public Art – "Rails To Trails- I-84 Underpass" Project.** To (possibly) be undertaken in collaboration with "Rails to Trails" group which is coordinated by Don Bellingham. Sandy and Don have shared ideas – possible project in conjunction with RHS art students. Further discussion needed.
- \* **Leadership Discussion:** Tabled.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA FOR 9/7/2014:**

- Membership
- School Art Partnerships and Programs

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE: Monday, September 7, 2014 (NOTE! The meeting is the second Monday because Labor Day is 9/1) at 7 PM at VCAC. All Agenda items should be sent to the Acting Chair Sandy Justin.**

Respectfully Submitted

Bobbie Orne, Secretary

