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# VERNON ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of April 2, 2012 12 APR -9 AM 11:15

<b>Commissioners (C) &amp; Associates (A) Present:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>
Donna Barnas (A)	Bobbie Orne (C)
Irma Carter (C)	Lisa Ouellette (C)
Thomasina Clemons (A)	Lori Robeau (C)
Janine Gelineau (A)	Ginny Rogala (C)
Judy Grosskortendus (C)	Joan Sonnanburg

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Acting Chair Ginny Rogala. New VAC Commissioner Judy Grosskortendus as well as the new VAC Associate Janine Gelineau were welcomed. Our guest was acknowledged and welcomed.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the March, 2012 minutes as circulated. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

<b>Town Account:</b>	<b>\$7,233.71</b>
<b>FVAC Account:</b>	<b>\$1,140.94</b>
Expense- Copies, Scholarship Applications	\$ 23.07

A motion was made and seconded to accept the March 2012 Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

- Treasurer reported the Vernon Town Budget hearing time table was significantly delayed on 3/31/12 & thus, no VAC members able to be present. Conferred with D. Wheelock.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve \$500.00 payment for late request by VCMS for an art program. Unanimously approved. The Treasurer reported that 2 schools have not responded to VAC's offer to fund a school art program. This leaves \$750 remaining in fund allocated for these 2011-12 projects.
- Treasurer has been conferring with Town Hall re: VAC's use of town bulk postage rate. Will report at the May meeting.
- Student VAC representation update. Bobbie has compiled a summary of: job description, requirements and expectations. Judy and Janine will formulate as an "ad" for circulation at RHS - ASAP. Would like to fill two positions by May 15, 2012.
- Veterans for the Arts Program tabled until Bill presents the program.
- VAC Website update. Discussion of what, who, when and how. Bobbie will investigate one possible source of assistance and report at next meeting.

- RHS Art Scholarships. Application and evaluation forms have been distributed by Irma. Must be completed and returned to Irma by 4/23/12.
- VCAC update. June 9<sup>th</sup> is likely day for "grand opening." Many activities are planned. Updates will continue in next two months.
- VAC Long Term Planning Discussion Group will meet at Judy's on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. All Commissioners and Associates should plan to attend.
- DECD grant program. No report at this time. Lori will alert us to opportunities for potential VAC involvement.
- Next Artist's Forum: Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7-9 PM at Mitchell's. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. Claudia will contact media and Bobbie will notify Artist's Forum list. All Commissioners and Associates should plan to attend.

**New Business:**

- VAC-sponsored Hartford Symphony Orchestra Concert (in their summer home in Simsbury Meadows) discussed & schedule reviewed. The Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Elton John Tribute concert was selected. The VAC will purchase tickets & make them available free to attendees who will pay only for bus ticket (approximately \$15). Irma will handle bus details and guest reservations. Two busses will be requested (if cancellation policy is appropriate) because of large number people remaining on waiting last summer.
- Suggestions for unspent \$750 (earmarked for 2011-12 school art programs) were discussed. Money must be spent for performance fees only.
- A new application for a VAC Associate was reviewed and unanimously approved. She has been invited to the May VAC meeting.
- The VAC e-mail address has received several inquiries re: Commissioner and Associate positions. Follow up will continue on an ongoing basis.

A motion was made & seconded to adjourn at 8:490 PM. Unanimously approved.

**The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7 PM. The Acting Chair will be Lisa Ouellette. Please send items you wish to put on the agenda to her.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbie Orne, Secretary