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Vernon Arts Commission  
Minutes of March 7, 2011

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**Members & Associates Present:**

Carter, Irma (M)  
Grosskortenhous, Judy (A) Robeau, Lori (M)  
Orne, Bobbie (M)

Ralston-Jones, Melissa (A)  
Sharp, Kevin (M)

**Guests:**

Viens, Adam  
Chelsea  
Guertin, Mark  
Sonnaburg, Joan

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Acting Chair Irma Carter.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 7, 2011 were approved as corrected (pg 2, line 18, VCAC - not VACA).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Town Account	\$8,888.05
Friends of VAC	\$ 953.57
Expenses	
Blue Wave Printing	
Banner	\$ 88.44

**Treasurer's Update:**

- New Treasurer, Kevin Sharp, has been working with Rockville Reminder to deal with VAC's bill vis-a-vis town requisition requirements.
- Mitchell's Restaurant billing quandary has been resolved. VAC consensus is that a written contract is needed for VAC Forums.
- Northeast School request for \$400 (with W-9) Arts Program received - this problem needs resolution as only \$250/school allocated. Suggest that each school will be contacted next school year to determine who is to be contacted re: money for art programs. Problems this year may be due to fact the right person in each school not contacted.
- Request for \$2,000 received from Vernon Chorale (W-9 received).
- Breakdown of expenditures for Budget Proposal FY 2011-12 (See VAC minutes of 2/7/2011)- Proposed Performance fees = \$9,000:

Hartford Symphony Orchestra (Summer concert)	\$2,000
Handler & Levesque	\$ 500
Vernon Chorale	\$2,000
"En Plein Air"	\$ 500
Vernon Circle Crafts Show	\$1,500
School Programs	\$2,300

\*\*\*\*See handout from K. Sharp 3/7/11)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- VCAC - Irma announced there will be a building walk-through on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.
- VAC April Forum to be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting re: En Plein Air to be held this Thursday 3/10/11. Judy is VAC's representative.

- Discussion re: **National Night Out** to be held on Aug. 2, 2011. Ideas for activities will be further discussed.
- **VAC web site** is now located on Vernon web site ([www.vernon-ct.gov/artscommission](http://www.vernon-ct.gov/artscommission)). More development planned.
- **VAC "Info" cards** - 200 new ones have been ordered. Lori has agreed to "redo" these cards when time permits.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Irma has officially notified Town Finance Office she is no longer VAC treasurer.
- Bobbie will call Jill Goldberg for names of students who may be reps for VAC.
- **Friends of VAC:** Membership forms will be available for next Forum meeting.
- Bobbie made motion and it was seconded to give \$800 to RHS for an arts program to start ASAP. Unanimously approved. Kevin will contact Donna Barnas.
- Kevin made motion and it was seconded to award \$2,000 to Vernon Chorale for this year. Unanimously approved.
- Bobbie made motion and it was seconded to support Rockville's **A Cappella Slam** with: 1) full page ad and 2) \$400 donation-performance support. Unanimously approved.
- At the meeting with the mayor re: budget issues (Bill, Ginny, Irma & Lori attended) the idea re: possible craft show at (old) Vernon Circle was raised. Discussion tabled until April meeting.
- Possible spring bus trip to be discussed at next meeting.
- Guest Adam Viens ([adamviens@yahoo.com](mailto:adamviens@yahoo.com)) announced a self-financed "gathering of arts and music" program will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Center 375 from 4-10 PM. He asked for financial assistance with future programs. . Lori made motion and it was seconded to financially assist Adam with future "gathering of arts and music" endeavors based on outcome of first program. Unanimously agreed. Adam will update at the next VAC meeting.
- Melissa announced that Gallery 46 will be moving to Willington area and hopes to have new gallery up and running for a last of May or early June show. Last show for Gallery 46 will be held this Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Photography show planned as last event in Vernon area and for Vernon residents only. Melissa has applied to Elks Club as venue for Photography show and requests financial assistance from VAC. Bobbie made motion and it was seconded to provide financial support for this photography program. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7 PM**. Ginny Rogala volunteered to be Acting Chair. Please contact her to post agenda items.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Orne, Secretary