

Vernon Arts Commission
Minutes of May 2, 2011

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Members & Associates Present:

Kevin Sharp (M) Irma Carter (M) Lori Robeau (M)
Bill Walach (M) Ginny Rogala (M) Donna Barnas (A)

Guests:

Mark Guertin
Adam Viens

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by acting chair, Lori Robeau

Minutes from April 4 meeting: approved

Treasurers Report: approved

Friends of VAC \$ 742.27

Expenses: Mitchell's Restaurant
April Artist Forum \$ 500.00

Town Account:

Custodial Fees: \$ 200.00
Performers Fees: \$ 4150.00
Advertising: \$ 320.05
Office Supplies: \$ 4.32
Awards/Prizes: \$ 1500.00

Total Balance: \$ 6174.37

Requisitions Filed: Faith Montaperto, Performer Fee
Gallery 46, Photo Contest \$ 200.00

Encumbered Funds: \$ 1374.47

Requisitions Filed: Journal Inquirer \$ 340.00
Reminder \$ 532.40

Old Business:

- Adam Viens came to report on his "Gathering of Arts & Music"- He explained that he is trying to provide a reoccurring event to help promote a positive venue/outlet for the youth of the community. They are located in Vernon with the majority of performers/artists from Vernon as well. He has held 2 of these events so far with approx 60- 100 people at each one. He is asking for assistance for advertising and performers fees for his next one to be held in June.
- Artists Forum Report- Another successful forum with approx 20 people. The bill was \$71.18 + 12.09gratuity = \$83.27. (Fee should be \$3.95/person+gratuity.) Note: leftover snacks donated to the Vernon soup kitchen.

- Update on monthly artist meetings initiated through the Artist Forums hosted by Judy Grosskortenhous- met once with 4 people & decided not enough interest to continue to hold monthly meetings.
- Plein Air painting event update- Judy Grosskortenhous is VAC's liason with friends of Valley Falls- Tabled until she comes to meeting.
- Discussed activities/options for the next National Night Out to be held on Tues, Aug. 2, 2011. Crayons to pass out again- yes. Face painting will be looked into by Donna Barnas.
- Website update/progress- Lori Robeau showed commission web page and discussed needing more content and photos to finish.
- Discussed Potential Arts & Crafts Show in Vernon Plaza. Kevin has been unsuccessful at finding a contact person at this time. Tabled until June meeting.
- Discussion of Friends of VAC membership incentives cont'd- draft letter for follow up on members at end of year. Motion that Irma drafts letter for next meeting. Motion unanimously approved.
- Update by Irma about HSO bus trip for July 22nd- Concert cost is \$990 for 55 tickets (at \$18/each). No busses that day from our normal charter company- Irma will look into different bus company.
- Update by Lori about the Vernon Photo Contest produced by Gallery 46- More than 50 photos, all of subjects within Vernon, were submitted, each in one of five categories. First-place category winners: Events and Happenings: Paul Shimer; People: Steve Smith; Nature: Mark Cadman; Water/Landscapes: Lynne Wentworth; Buildings/Structures: Susan Thibodeau. The Best-In-Show award went to Linda L. Donahue for her photo of the old Vernon Cemetary entitled, "Old Burial Ground." Proceeds from the contest benefitted Vernon Youth Services. Participants expressed interest in forming Vernon photographers group- suggested to send invitations for Artist Forums (get names/contact info from Melissa).
- A decision has been made regarding the RHS scholarships: Winners are: Drama- Chealsea Epes; Music- Alyssa McDonald; Visual Arts- Rachael Tani. Scholarships are to be announced/awarded in mid June.
- Bus trip to museum was tabled until June.

New Business:

- Irma made a motion to approve up to \$400 for advertising and up to \$400 for performers fees for Adam Viens "Gathering of Arts & Music" in June. Motion unanimously approved.
- Report on CCCT's Network 2.0 Conference that Lori attended on behalf of VAC- tabled until June.

- Lori suggested that we create an info sheet & form for project funding proposals. Irma/Kevin to draft something up.
- Irma spoke with Jill about student reps- created and handed out questionnaire for students and Jill made suggestions as to whom. We should be expecting stuff in the mail soon.
- Handler & Levesque to perform at the Valley Falls Plein Air Event?- Tabled till June.
- South Windsor Cultural Arts Event- Irma will get more information.
- Classic Brass Concert- Irma suggested we hire them as performers sometime or possibly sponsor an event.
- The Vernon Chorale's Mozart's Requiem Concert at St Bernards update- Standing room only! Full house with a 650 person capacity. Bill suggested to draft letter thanking those who supported this event and making the arts more visible in the community.
- Kevin looking into incorporation of VAC/FVAC and tax id #.
- Lori mentioned that VAC email should be accessible to all members. Look into setting up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Robeau
(Standing in for secretary, Bobbie)