

Vernon Arts Commission
Minutes of June 6, 2011

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Guests: 11 JUN 23 PM 6:21

Members & Associates Present:

Bill Walach (M) Ginny Rogala (M) Donna Barnas (A) Adam Viens
Irma Carter (M) Lori Robeau (M) Judy Grosskortenhau (A) Chealsea Granger
Jenna Rodriguez

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by acting chair, Ginny Rogala

Minutes from May 2, 2011 meeting: Correction: Treasurer's Report- FVAC Expenses- Mitchell's Restaurant, April Artists Forum should read \$83.27 instead of \$500. Minutes unanimously approved as corrected.

May 2, 2011 Treasurers Report: Unanimously approved.
(*question remains as to whom the advertising balance is encumbered- JI or Reminder?)

Friends of VAC		\$ 697.27
Expenses:	Constitution Coach Deposit	\$ 100.00
Deposits:	M. Ralson-Jones donation	\$ 25.00
Town Account:		
Custodial Fees:		\$ 200.00
Performers Fees:		\$ 3160.00
*Advertising:		\$ 320.05
Office Supplies:		\$ 4.32
Awards/Prizes:		\$ 0.00
Total Balance:		\$ 6174.37
Requisitions Filed:	Faith Montaperto (Performer Fee)	
	From Gallery 46, Photo Contest	\$ 200.00
	Maple Steet School (performance)	\$ 250.00
	Reminder (advertising)	\$ 36.01
	Crystal Blueprint (supplies)	\$ 54.77

Old Business:

- Adam Viens came to deliver and discuss his bill for funding for his Gathering of Arts & Music events. (See New business.)
- Donna Barnas update on face-painter for National Night Out. (See New business.)
- The next Artists Forum will be held Tues, July, 26, 2011 at Mitchell's Restaurant. Claudia Ayer to check into advertising prices/dates!?
- Judy Grosskortenhau (VAC's liason with Friends of Valley Falls, producers of the Plein Air Painting event) stated that the Plein Air date is set for August 21, 2011 at Valley Falls Park. She is uncertain of the event time but thinks it will be 11-4 pm. She will email committee once she knows for sure.
- Handler & Levesque to perform at En Plein Air discussion- (See New business.)
- Potential Arts & Crafts Show in Vernon Plaza. Kevin has been unable to look into further- someone else look into?. Tabled until a later time.

- Website update by Lori Robeau- no progress at this time. Will report next meeting.
- Friends of VAC membership incentives cont'd- Irma Carter read rough draft of follow up letter for members. Still in progress.
- HSO bus trip for July 22nd update- Concert tickets bought- in VAC's possession. Irma Carter reported that she found different charter bus co., Constitution, with a R/T cost of \$450. A \$100 deposit was paid.
- Bus trip to museum. Tabled.
- Report on CCCT's Network 2.0 Conference April 6, 2011- Lori Robeau attended on behalf of VAC to represent the Vernon area cultural agencies. The conference was a statewide arts organization networking conference where the main focus was geared toward tourism. However, other collaborative strategies were discussed such as creating a community calendar platform for all to post events to. Lori also got a list of all state arts agencies which could prove to be beneficial down the road.
- Creation of a VAC info sheet for potential Project Funding Proposals- Tabled.
- RHS student rep for VAC- Irma is still waiting to receive paperwork from school. Maybe Bobbie Orne to follow up later?
- South Windsor Cultural Arts event update- Irma hasn't been able to contact yet. Tabled until she is able to.
- Bill Walach will draft and send out thank you letters to local cultural/arts supporters to recognize and encourage future support.
- Update by Kevin Sharp re: Incorporation of VAC and FVAC and tax ID numbers- Tabled until Kevin finds out more information.
- VAC e-mail accessibility for all commissioners? Bobbie holds username/password for account. Should this be available for all commissioners or to select members?

New Business:

- Bill Walach made a motion to encumber \$800 out of the 2010-2011 performers fees for Adam Viens "Gathering of Arts & Music" (\$400 for July 9, \$400 for Aug20). Motion unanimously approved. Irma Carter moved to amend the motion to encumber \$1600 total of the 2010-2011 budget for performance fees for Adam Viens "Gathering of Arts & Music" (\$800 for July 9, \$800 for Aug20). Ginny 2nd- Motion unanimously approved.
- Donna Barnas invited Jenna Rodriguez to come to the meeting to introduce herself and present her face painting business for a possible performance for this upcoming National Night Out. She showed us samples of her work and stated her fee to be \$100/hr. Bill Walach made a motion to encumber \$200 (for 2 hours) from the 2010-2011 performers fees to hire Jenna as a face painter at National Night Out August, 2, 2011. Irma 2nd- Motion unanimously approved.
- Irma Carter made a motion to encumber up to \$800 from the 2010-2011 performers fees to hire Judy Handler and Mark Levesque for a 2 hours performance at the En Plein Air Painting Event Aug. 21, 2011. Actual fee TBA next meeting. Ginny 2nd- Motion unanimously approved.
- Donna got contact information & gave to Kevin for Bank of America in Rockville for possible Art Exhibits in lobby. Further discussion needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Robeau
(Standing in for secretary, Bobbie)