

Town of Vernon
Vernon Arts Commission
Minutes
Special Meeting
Thursday 03/19/15
Vernon Community Arts Center

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Call to Order by Acting Chair, Sandra Justin, at 6:58 pm.

Attendance

Irma Carter, Commissioner
Sandra Justin, Commissioner / Acting Chair
Lisa Ouellette, Commissioner / Treasurer

Business

Public School Funding Requests

- Motion by Sandra Justin / seconded by Irma Carter to consider / discuss all funding requests from all five Vernon elementary schools. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed.
- Motion by Sandra Justin / seconded by Irma Carter to award \$250 to each Vernon elementary school to support arts programming during the 2014-2015 academic year. For the record, the schools to benefit are: Center Road School, Lake Street School, Maple Street School, Northeast School, and Skinner Road School. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Sandra Justin / seconded by Irma Carter to award \$500 to Vernon Center Middle School (VCMS) to support several workshops conducted by master artist – Jeff Slobodien – for middle-school and high-school students in a collaborative effort to create murals in the VCMS courtyard and at on the Vernon Rail Trail I-84 overpass. Discussion took place. Motion passed with 2 (Sandra Justin and Lisa Ouellette) voting in support and 1 (Irma Carter) voting against.
- Motion by Sandra Justin / seconded by Irma Carter to fund \$350 for supplies to support the VCMS mural project with the Friends of the Vernon Arts Commission bank account. Discussion took place. Motion passed with 2 (Sandra Justin and Lisa Ouellette) voting in support and 1 (Irma Carter) voting against.
- Motion by Sandra Justin / seconded by Irma Carter to reimburse up to \$60 to Lisa Ouellette for the annual fee charged by Tripod for the VAC website (advertising budget line). Motion passed unanimously.

Non-Profit Organization Funding Requests

- Motion by Irma Carter / seconded by Sandra Justin to award \$1,000 to The Vernon Chorale, Inc. to support performances (in particular the hire of the piano accompanist). Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Irma Carter / seconded by Sandra Justin to award up to \$250 to The Vernon Chorale, Inc. to support the purchase of advertising for concerts. Motion passed unanimously.

Funding Requests 07/01/14 – 03/19/15

- Motion by Sandra Justin / seconded by Lisa Ouellette to approve VAC expenditures dispersed prior to 03/19/15 as follows:
 - \$250 = paid to Vernon Community Arts Center (VCAC) as reimbursement for “Puppets After Dark” program presented by UConn Puppetry students (09/12/14)
 - \$150 = paid to musicians providing entertainment at “100 Mile Village” exhibit (VCAC) opening (10/11/14)
 - \$500 = paid to Strong Farm as reimbursement for music provided by Kup, Kup, & Zahner at Strong Farm Harvest Festival (10/18/14)
 - \$87 = paid to VCAC to support advertising for “Puppets After Dark” program (09/25/14)
 - \$60.83 = paid to VCAC to support advertising for “100 Mile Village” exhibit (10/20/14)

Funding Requests 07/01/14 – 03/19/15 (continued)

- \$100 = paid to Rockville High School Marching Ram Band for a VAC advertisement in the Festival of Bands program book (10/20/14)
- \$5.73 = paid to Lisa Ouellette as reimbursement for materials purchased to mount VAC advertising posters (09/25/14)
- \$40 = paid to Friends of the Vernon Arts Commission account as reimbursement for the purchase of supplies / materials for National Night Out VAC booth – mask-making activity (07/28/14)

Motion passed unanimously.

Remaining Funds in VAC Budget FY 15

- Acknowledgement of remaining funds available between 03/19/15 – 06/30/15 as follows:
 - Performers (53420) = \$850.00
 - Advertising (55400) = \$420.44

Review / Approval of FY 16 Budget submitted to Vernon Mayor / Town Council

- Motion by Sandra Justin / seconded by Irma Carter to approve the VAC FY 16 Budget as prepared and submitted by Lisa Ouellette, Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Acting Chair Sandra Justin / seconded by Irma Carter.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting officially adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Ouellette, VAC Commissioner / Treasurer
Acting Secretary for 03/19/15 Special Meeting