

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – January 14, 2015
MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members Present: Edward Goodrich, Chair
Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer
Erin McLaughlin
Kathy Koperwhats
Rich Fredette
Lenny Kovalik
Lou DeCilio (Alternate for Ellen Cox)

Others Present: Margo Paquette, Secretary

I. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order by Ed Goodrich at 7:09 pm.

II. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 11/12/14 & Special Meeting 12/17/14** – Bruce Hirsch moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 11/12/14 & Special Meeting 12/17/14; seconded by Rich Fredette. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **Communications/Reports/Announcements**

a) **Share a Chair 2015** – The Stratford Street Sculpture Council was unable to attend this evening’s meeting.

Rich Fredette moved to place the item on the table; seconded Bruce Hirsch. Motion carried unanimously.

b) **Mighty Quinn Foundation - Festival** – The Chairman and the Outreach and Development Coordinator of The Mighty Quinn Foundation addressed the commission to share the Foundation’s proposal for an expansion of arts programming on the Theatre grounds this summer. A brief question and answer period followed.

Lou DeCilio moved to further consider and explore the Mighty Quinn Foundation’s “A Summer of Arts Programming”; seconded by Rich Fredette. Motion carried 6 to 1.

c) **Larry Ciccarelli – Shakespeare Selection Committee** – Larry Ciccarelli, Chairman of the Shakespeare Selection Committee discussed the committee’s process and approach during their selection of a recommended group. A brief question and answer period followed. The commissioners thanked Mr. Ciccarelli and the selection committee for all their hard work.

d) **Budget 2015-2016** – Lou DeCilio suggested and offered to prepare a budget of projected funds to enable the commission to begin discussing allocation of funds.

- e) **Schedule of Events** – The commissioners discussed the importance of expanding the reach of the Arts Commission to include supporting a wider variety of activities, groups, programs, and endeavors throughout the year.
- IV. Financial Report** – Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer, reported the balance of the commission’s account remained unchanged.
- V. Old Business** – *Placed on the Table at Special Meeting of 12/17/14 - Vote or Recommendation on the Shakespeare proposals of Elm Street Theater Company and Stratford Stage Group*
- Rich Fredette moved to take the item from the table; seconded by Lou DeCilio. Motion carried unanimously. Rich Fredette moved to forward to the Town Council the recommendation of the *Stratford Stage Group* to re-open and operate the Shakespeare Theatre; seconded by Bruce Hirsch. Motion carried 4 to 3.
- VI. New Business** – **No items added**
- VII. Adjournment** – Rich Fredette moved to adjourn; seconded by Lou DeCilio. Motion carried unanimously at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary