

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – February 11, 2015
MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 pursuant to notice duly posted.

<u>Members Present:</u>	Edward Goodrich, Chair Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer Erin McLaughlin Kathy Koperwhats Rich Fredette Lenny Kovalik Ellen Cox Lou DeCilio (Alternate) Bill Franz (Alternate)
<u>Others Present:</u>	Margo Paquette, Secretary

I. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order by Ed Goodrich at 7:04 pm.

II. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 01/14/15** – Bruce Hirsch moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 01/14/15; seconded by Rich Fredette. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **Communications/Reports/Announcements**

- a) **Mighty Quinn Foundation - Festival** – Representatives of the Mighty Quinn Foundation updated the commission on their proposal for “A Summer of Arts Programming”. They reported that they project the cost to total \$40,000 (\$35,000 for stage and seating) and intend to request \$20,000 from the Arts Commission and would look into being given access to the \$20,000 donation from the ShakesBeer Festival. They reported that they have reached out to various groups for possible programming. A brief question and answer period followed.

Lou DeCilio moved to take the agenda out of order and proceed to section **III., item e**; seconded by Bruce Hirsch. Motion carried unanimously. (See section **III., item e**)

Lou DeCilio moved to take the agenda out of order and proceed to section **IV. Financial Report**; seconded by Bruce Hirsch. Motion carried unanimously. (See section **IV. Financial Report**)

- b) **Budget 2015** – (FY 2016) Lou DeCilio created and distributed a draft budget (based on previous years’ budget of \$25,000) for preliminary discussion of the possible allocation of funds to various events, programs, and endeavors for the coming year. Discussion followed.

- c) **Shakespeare inventory** – Lou DeCilio requested a List/Catalogue, that accounts for Shakespeare items/inventory removed from the premises, chain of possession, and current location/storage of said items, be made available to the commission. Ed Goodrich, Chair, stated he would get that documentation.
- d) **Bylaws** – The commissioners discussed By-Laws vs. Purpose and Objectives. Lou DeCilio distributed to each commissioner a copy of Stratford Arts Commission By-Laws (adopted September 15, 2005)
- e) **Share a Chair 2015** – Aubrey Booska, Co-Chair of The Stratford Street Sculpture Council, updated the commission on the progress of Share a Chair 2015. A brief question and answer period followed,

IV. Financial Report – Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer, reported the balance of the commission’s account remained at \$2.62.

Rich Fredette moved to accept the Financial Report; seconded by Lou DeCilio. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Old Business – No items

VI. New Business – No items added

VII. Adjournment – Lou DeCilio moved to adjourn; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary