

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – March 11, 2015

MINUTES

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

Members Present: Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer (Acting Chair)
Erin McLaughlin
Kathy Koperwhats
Rich Fredette
Lenny Kovalik
Ellen Cox (arrived at 7:09)
Lou DeCilio (Alternate)
Bill Franz (Alternate)

Others Present: Margo Paquette, Secretary

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order by Bruce Hirsch, Acting Chair, at 7:07 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 02/11/15** – Rich Fredette moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 02/11/15; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Communications/Reports/Announcements**
 - a) **Share a Chair 2015** – The Stratford Street Sculpture Council was not in attendance.
 - b) **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 due to time constraints and lack of town commitment and funds, they would be unable to move forward with their proposal for summer programming on the Theatre grounds.
 - c) **ShakesBeer Festival** – Sue Rooney, speaking on behalf of the organizers of the ShakesBeer Festival, reported that they have begun to organize the fund raising Shakesbeer Festival for this year and project it to take place on August 22.
 - d) **Budget 2015-2016** – There was no discussion as the Town Council has yet to present the budget for FY2016.
 - e) **Discuss Shakespeare RFP** – The commission briefly discussed the Town Council’s March 3rd vote to approve Stratford Stage Group to begin negotiations with the Town Attorney for the re-opening of The American Shakespeare Festival Theatre.

- f) **Bylaws** – Article 5 of the Stratford Arts Commission Bylaws states: “Open elections shall be held at the regularly scheduled meeting in June of each even numbered year”. As that was not done at the June 2014 meeting, it was discussed placing an “Election Meeting” on next month’s agenda.

Lou DeCilio moved to place an “Election Meeting” on the agenda for the regularly scheduled Arts Commission meeting of April 8th; seconded by Lenny Kovalick. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. Financial Report** – Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer, reported the balance of the commission’s account remained at \$2.62. He distributed to each commissioner a financial spreadsheet “Summary of 2014 Shakespeare Festival.” Brief discussion followed.
- V. Old Business – Shakespeare Inventory** – The Chair did not make a List/Catalogue available to the commission.
- VI. New Business – No items added**
- VII. Adjournment** – Rich Fredette moved to adjourn; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary