

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – June 10, 2015

MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members Present: Rich Fredette, Chair
Erin McLaughlin
Lenny Kovalik
Ellen Cox (arrived 7:30 pm)
Bill Franz (arrived 7:30 pm)
Lou DeCilio (Alternate)

Others Present: Margo Paquette, Secretary

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order by Rich Fredette, Chair, at 7:10 pm
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 5/13/15** - Lou DeCilio moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 05/13/15; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Reports**
 - a. **Financial**
 1. **Commission account** – No report.
 2. **Budget FY2016** – A proposed budget was distributed and discussed by the Commission. Lou DeCilio moved to accept the proposed budget; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. **Request for funds** – No items
 - b. **Grant Writing – Chairman’s meeting with Grants Writer, Christina Kazanas** – The chairman reported that Grants Writer, Christina Kazanas will be actively pursuing grant opportunities for the Commission.
The Commission was updated on the efforts of Mighty Quinn Foundation and The Stratford Stage Group to obtain grants.
 - c. **Subcommittees – Stratford Street Sculptures** – No report.
All commissioners agreed that Stratford Street Sculptures did a great job with Share A Chair 2015.
- IV. **Fundraising**
 - a. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour** – Efforts are ongoing to organize this fundraiser on a monthly basis.
 - b. **Talent Show** – Erin McLaughlin reported that this fundraising event will take place at the Victoria Soto School on November 14, 2015.
- V. **Events** – **Arts Commission Tent - Blues on the Beach** – Details re: location of tent, etc., are being finalized.
- VI. **Old Business** – **Arts Commission Facebook page** – The page is up and running.

VII. New Business - Any business as may be added to the agenda by motion as permitted by law – No items added.

VIII. Open Discussion

- Interest has been expressed in painting a mural on the empty side of the thruway underpass in the center. The commissioners all agreed that they would like to see a proposal.
- Efforts continue to secure a date for a Comedy Night fundraiser at the Scottish Rite Theater.

IX. Adjournment – Erin McLaughlin moved to adjourn; seconded by Lenny Kovalik. Motion carried unanimously at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary