

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2015

MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members Present: Rich Fredette, Chair
Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer
Erin McLaughlin
Lenny Kovalik
Ellen Cox
Bill Franz
Kath Koperwhats
Lou DeCilio (Alternate)

Others Present: Margo Paquette, Secretary

- I. **Call to Order**- Meeting called to order by Rich Fredette, Chair, at 7:04 pm.
- II. **Mayor John Harkins with ShakesBeer Festival coordinators Steven Bilodeau and Pete Rodrigues: Presentation of a ceremonial check of the ShakesBeer Festival's donation to The Stratford Stage Group towards the restoration effort of The American Festival Shakespeare Theatre** – A ceremonial check in the amount of \$20,000 was presented; with coverage by News 12 and The Stratford Star.

The chair called for a recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:15 pm

- III. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 6/10/15** – Bruce Hirsch moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 06/10/15; seconded by Bill Franz. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Reports**
- a. **Financial**
 - 1. **Commission account** – Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer, reported the balance of the commission's account is \$2.62.
 - 2. **Budget FY2016** – There was brief discussion about the budget as adopted at the Regular Meeting 6/10/15
 - 3. **Request for funds** – No requests to report
 - b. **Grant Writing** – No report
 - c. **Subcommittees – Stratford Street Sculptures** – No report. Bruce Hirsch circulated the program booklet from Stamford's Dinosaurs Rule! Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit that featured an entry by Aubrey Booska and Michelle Genuario, co-chairs of the Stratford Street Sculpture Subcommittee.

V. Fundraising

- a. Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour** – Arts Commissioner Ellen Cox will be the featured artist at the inaugural event to be held on July 30th, 6-8pm at Riverview Bistro.
- b. Talent Show** – Bruce Hirsch will look into a facility for the audition process.
- c. Comedy Night** – Still awaiting a confirmed date.

VI. Events – Arts Commission Tent - Blues on the Beach – Discussion of placement of tent and ideas for possible decorating.

VII. Updates

- **Arts Commission Facebook page** – The page is starting to get attention and presently has 266 “likes”.
- Susan Wright, Mighty Quinn Foundation, updated the commission on their summer programming. They requested help with port-o-lets and lighting.

VIII. Old Business – No items

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

X. Open Discussion

- The commissioners made a unanimous selection of a logo design.

XI. Adjournment – Bruce Hirsch moved to adjourn; seconded by Lenny Kovalik. Motion carried unanimously at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary