

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – September 9, 2015

MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members Present: Rich Fredette, Chair
Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer
Erin McLaughlin
Lenny Kovalik
Ellen Cox
Bill Franz
Kathy Koperwhats

Others Present: Margo Paquette, Secretary

- I. **Call to Order**- Meeting called to order by Rich Fredette, Chair, at 7:06 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 08/12/15** – Bruce Hirsch moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 08/12/15; seconded by Kathy Koperwhats. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Reports**
- a. **Financial**
1. **Treasurer’s report** – Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer, reported the balance of the Commission’s account is \$15,229.11
- Erin McLaughlin moved to accept the Treasurer’s report; seconded by Kathy Koperwhats. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Request for funds** – None
- b. **Grant Writing** – No report
- c. **Subcommittees – Stratford Street Sculptures** – The Chairman has forwarded checks received for the CHAIR-ity Auction to the Stratford Street Sculpture Advisory Council. Commissioners will receive an invitation to the event scheduled for Oct. 7. Share-A-Chair will not take place again until 2017; the Chairman suggested to the subcommittee the idea of possibly doing a smaller scale project for 2016.
- IV. **Fundraising**
1. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour – Chairman’s report on August 21st event** – The August event was well attended a lots of fun. It raised \$37.00 in donations to the Commission.
2. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour - September event** – The September showcase is tentatively scheduled for Sept, 17th at Riverview Bistro featuring Tony Mack and Mike Knopf.
3. **Talent Show** – The Commission discussed the need to firm up and finalize plans for the audition process.
4. **Comedy Night** – The Chairman reported that the Scottish Rite Masons have offered the use of their theatre during either January or February. Discussion followed.

V. Events

1. **Bonfire On The Beach – September 19th** – The Arts Commission tent will be up at the event.
2. **Frank Porto Band – September 27th** – Going forward as scheduled.

VI. Old Business – No items

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

VIII. Open Discussion

- An event that would include painting/decorating businesses' (Stratford Center and Paradise Green) windows in October was discussed.
- The Chairman will contact "Fat Enzo" to get pricing for commission T-shirts.

IX. Adjournment – Erin McLaughlin moved to adjourn; seconded by Lenny Kovalik. Motion carried unanimously at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary