

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – October 14, 2015

MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 pursuant to notice duly posted.

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

Others Present: Margo Paquette, Secretary

- I. **Call to Order**- Meeting called to order by Rich Fredette, Chair, at 7:09 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 09/09/15 & Special Meeting 09/21/15** – Bruce Hirsch moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 09/09/15 & Special Meeting 09/21/15; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Reports**
- a. **Financial**
 - 1. **Treasurer’s report** – Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer, reported the balance of the Commission’s account is \$14,679.11
 - 2. **Request for funds** – None
 - b. **Grant Writing** – Erin McLaughlin now has access to a grant writing website and will have the ability to search out grant opportunities.
 - c. **Subcommittees – Stratford Street Sculptures** – The Chairman reported that the CHAIR-ity Auction was very successful and raised almost \$9000.00. The Chairman and the Subcommittee will continue to discuss the possibility of a smaller scale project; e.g., painting fire hydrants, for Spring/Summer 2016.
- IV. **Fundraising**
- 1. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour – Chairman’s report on September 17th event** – The September event featuring Tony Mack and Mark Knopf was a big success and raised \$117 in donations for the Arts Commission.
 - 2. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour - October event** – The October showcase is scheduled for MONDAY, October 26th at Riverview Bistro and will feature two award winning acoustic performers, Shannon McMahan and Dominick Mauro.
 - 3. **Talent Show** – The Commission discussed moving the Talent Show from the tentative November date to the middle of March so as not to interfere with already scheduled town events. Discussions will continue.
 - 4. **Comedy Night** – The Chairman is negotiating with the Scottish Rite Masons regarding the particulars. The Commission discussed the possibility of securing a different venue.

- V. **Events** – No events
- 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**
- The Arts Commission’s facebook page continues to grow.
 - Commission’s tent is now in the possession of SHS art teacher, Ms. Voccola and her students, for painting/lettering/decorating.
 - Several t-shirt vendors have been contacted regarding pricing, etc. The original artist of the Commission’s logo will be contacted for input before any decision is made.
 - Possible future events including Breakfast with Santa and an Easter/Spring themed event.
- IX. **Adjournment** – Bruce Hirsch moved to adjourn; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary