

**STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting – March 9, 2016**

**MINUTES**

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 pursuant to notice duly posted.

**Members Present:** Rich Fredette, Chair  
Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer  
Ellen Cox  
Erin McLaughlin  
Lenny Kovalik  
Kathy Koperwhats  
Bill Franz  
Lou DeCilio (Alternate)  
Paul Giarniero (Alternate)  
Theresa Piccolo (Alternate)

**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 02/10/16** – Theresa Piccolo moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 02/10/16; seconded by Bruce Hirsch. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Reports**
- a. **Financial**
    - 1. **Treasurer’s report and balance sheet** – Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer, distributed an unofficial balance sheet showing an estimated balance of \$770.00 (balance does not include the \$5000 to be offered as a give-back to the Town)
    - 2. **Request for funds** – No requests.
  - b. **Grant Writing** – No report.
  - c. **Subcommittees – Stratford Street Sculptures** – No report. The Chairman reached out to Marc Dillon, Chief of Staff, to get information regarding what small scale projects would be possible.
- IV. **Fundraising**
- a. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour**
    - 1. March Event – Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> will feature the SHS Boys & Girls A Cappella Groups and the work of PAL’s first Superhero Cartooning class.
    - 2. April Event – Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Roger Salls, photographer. Also tentatively scheduled are a jewelry artist and musician Kristi Henrick. Discussion followed on ways to increase advertising and attendance.
  - b. **Talent Show** – Erin McLaughlin and Bruce Hirsch will work on dates and venue for auditions.
  - c. **Comedy Night** – Use of Shriner’s theater may still be a possibility. Discussion is continuing.

- V. **Events** – **Victoria Soto Commemorative Mural Arts Project** – The Commission is signed up for the 9:00 to 10:30 am time slot, Saturday, March 12th. The Chairman encouraged all Commissioners to participate.
- 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 Commission continued discussions about Main Street Festival and Commissioner business cards.
- IX. **Adjournment** – Bruce Hirsch moved to adjourn; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary