

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – April 13, 2016

MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 pursuant to notice duly posted.

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

Others Present: Margo Paquette, Secretary

- I. **Call to Order**- Meeting called to order by Rich Fredette, Chair, at 7:08 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 03/09/16** – Erin McLaughlin moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 02/10/16; seconded by Lenny Kovalik. 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 \$1,170.00 (balance does not include the \$5000 to be offered as a give-back to the Town)
Erin McLaughlin moved to accept the Treasurer’s report; seconded by Ellen Cox. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Request for funds** – Sterling House Art Program is interested in receiving some funding for their program. The Chairman will add the item to next month’s agenda and invite Margarita David to the meeting.
- b. **Grant Writing** – No report.
- c. **Subcommittees – Stratford Street Sculptures** – No report.
- IV. **Fundraising**
- a. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour**
1. March Event – Thursday, March 10th featured the SHS Boys & Girls A Cappella Groups and the work of PAL’s first Superhero Cartooning class. The Commission talked about how impressed they were with all of the participants and talked about having them back in the future.
2. April Event – Thursday, April 21st. Roger Salls, photographer and musicians Kristi Henrick and Adam Reed. The Chairman reminded everyone to continue to share the notice on facebook to help increase attendance.
- b. **Talent Show** – The Commission discussed various ways to get information out to the public. Erin McLaughlin will contact Melvin at Stratford Star, Bruce Hirsch has contacted WICC, events will be posted on facebook, and fliers created. Erin McLaughlin and Bruce Hirsch will work on

securing a sound system.

c. **Comedy Night** – The Chairman will be meeting with the Shriners next week.

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 Commission discussed details and cost for Main Street Festival.

Bruce Hirsch moved to allocate up to \$1000.00 to cover the costs associated with the Commission's booth at Main Street Festival; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

- The Short Beach Commission and Friends of Short Beach talked to the Commission about some of their upcoming events including “Art For Public Spaces” which they would like to kick off with an 8ft painted flip flop and “Battle Of The Bands” with alumni of the town's High Schools. They also reported that they have not yet received the funds that were appropriated for the purchase of an inflatable screen and projector. The item to allocate the funds was moved and carried unanimously at the Arts Commission meeting of 1/13/16. The Chairman will look into it.

IX. **Adjournment** – Bruce Hirsch moved to adjourn; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary