

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – August 10, 2016

MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members Present: Rich Fredette, Chair
Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer
Erin McLaughlin
Lenny Kovalik
Ellen Cox
Theresa Piccolo
Lou DeCilio (Alternate for Paul Giarniero) (arrived 7:17pm)

Others Present: Margo Paquette, Secretary

- I. **Call to Order**- Meeting called to order by Rich Fredette, Chair, at 7:10 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 07/13/16**- Erin McLaughlin moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 07/13/16; seconded by Lenny Kovalik. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Reports**
 - a. **Financial**
 1. **Treasurer's report and balance sheet** – Bruce Hirsch, Treasurer reported an approximate balance of \$11,000.00
 2. **Request for funds**

Bonfire on the Beach is seeking sponsorships for the 2016 event and has offered the Arts Commission Gold Level for the cost of Silver Level. Bruce Hirsch moved to approve \$500.00 (Silver Level) to Bonfire on the Beach for a Gold Level sponsorship; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

PAL Cartooning Class – Lou DeCilio moved to approve \$900.00 for the upcoming PAL Cartooning Class; seconded by Lenny Kovalik. Motion carried 6-0; Erin McLaughlin abstained.

High School Scholarships – Lou DeCilio moved to approve \$1000.00 for scholarships for SHS and BHS Class of 2017; seconded by Erin McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously. Break down of scholarships to be determined by a subcommittee.
 - b. **Grant Writing** – No report
 - c. **Subcommittees – Stratford Street Sculptures** – Subcommittee will attend the Commission's regular September meeting.
- IV. **Fundraising**
 - a. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour-July** The Showcase held July 21 raised \$38.00 in donations
 - b. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour - August** – Cancelled
September Showcase will feature Paint & Wine
 - c. **Comedy Show** – No progress

V. Events

- a. Family Sand Castle Competition – 8/14/16** – Set up at 11:00. Registration begins at noon.
- b. Bonfire on the Beach – 9/17/16** – The Commission is a sponsor. The tent and Frisbee spin art machine will be up.

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 - None

IX. Adjournment – Erin McLaughlin moved to adjourn; seconded by Lenny Kovalik. Motion carried unanimously at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary