

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
August 7, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at the Jasper Arts Center. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Kendall Martin, Kara Bodle, Sherry Monesmith, Becky Hickman and Nanette Parsons. **Commission Members Absent:** Linda Kahle and Mickey Seger. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Candy Neal. WITZ News Director Jim O'Neil. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Pat Thyen** moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. **Mike Jones** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Kendall Martin** moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- The Strassenfest parade went well. The sandwich boards were a hit. People appeared to be really taking a look at the bookmarks.

**Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

- A JAC rental brochure was designed by the summer intern to be sent out to businesses.
- Custodians have been busy replacing old exit lights to LED and fluorescent lights to T8s, which are more energy efficient. Both bulbs and ballasts are being replaced.

**Education Report**

Donna reported.

- Donna thanked Corina for her hard work on the Strassenfest float.
- Donna expressed her appreciation of the new exhibit in the gallery to Emily.
- One of the art teachers at JHS has left. The JHS photo lab is no longer part of the art department, but now a part of the business department as a communications studio.
- Next Brown Bag lunch will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be a *Day of the Dead* presentation by Jennifer Wohlberg. Donna would like to combine this with a mini concert. She has been given the name of a Latina guitarist. Donna will contact her.
- Another Brown Bag lunch is being planned with an Oscar theme. No date has been confirmed, but it will be held after Oscar nominations are made and prior to the Oscar Awards show on February 24, 2013. Jim Dinkle will present some film posters from his father's collection of 7000 film posters. This may possibly be paired with an evening showing of a film.
- GJCS has adopted the Common Core Standards in the Arts. Donna will present workshops for the school district.
- Donna will be attending the VUJC fair for new students and sharing information on our programming.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Emily reported.

- The new exhibit in the Krempp Gallery is by Ferdinand artist Andrea Hoelscher. There will be a gallery talk and reception featuring Andrea on Sunday.
- The Juried Art Show judge has been in and the show is ready to go in September.
- Fall workshops will be coming up. Emily is working on the schedule.
- Emily and Corina attended the Downtown Merchants meeting this morning. FIRST THURSDAYS will start in October. Monkey Hollow Winery will be participating in the Krempp Gallery in October. Kara Bodle will be the musical guest in the Krempp Gallery for the event. Eddie Rasche and Laura Pommier will be providing music and plein aire painting on the Square in downtown Jasper. Merchants have been invited to stay open late and partner with the JAC in this event. Emily is waiting to hear from the merchants on their participation in FIRST THURSDAYS.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported.

- Strassenfest parade float went well. There were 3 elements to the float. The first element featured Middle school art teacher Drew Murray painting a canvas on the back of the truck. The middle element was the marquee and sandwich boards. And Shane Denu was a big hit as an opera lady bringing up the rear of the float.
- The Special Events committee will meet in September to decide on its next activity. The committee has had several back to back events starting with the open house, Linda Smith and then the parade.
- Birthday Party promotions will begin soon. Birthday party brochures, mailers and invitations have been ordered and should arrive soon. A bulk mailing will be done at just 14.5¢ per piece. We were able to target specific residential neighborhoods for this mailing.

### **Old Business**

- A discussion was held on how general tickets sales and the Performers Series New Directions ticket sales are going. P.S. Traditional is going well among our traditional audience. The Back Stage series is popular this season. P.S. New Directions season tickets selling a little slower than the P.S. Traditional season tickets at this time.
- Mike Jones discussed the proposed building plans and informed the board, the City Council has asked the JCAC to make a business plan. Mike reminded everyone that the JAC is open 52 weeks per year as opposed to other 'seasonal' city facilities which are open or in use 3-6 months per year. He asked that Board members remind the council of the proposed building plans and the value to the community when they attend the monthly city council meetings.

### **New Business**

### **Adjournment**

**Kendall Martin** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:10. **Becky Hickman** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

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Mike Jones

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Attested