

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

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 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, Becky Hickman and Mickey Seger. **Commission Members Absent:** Linda Kahle, Sherry Monesmith and Nanette Parsons. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, and Donna Schepers. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Candy Neal, WITZ News Director Jim O'Neal, Dubois County Free Press Editor Matt Crane, WBDC Reporter Julia Nathan and Forest Park High School students Sabrina Kordes and Patience Fehribach. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Gary Moeller** moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**City Financial Statement**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- The Open House was successful beyond our dreams. Mike and the board offered congratulations to the staff for a well planned event.
- Kit attended APAP. She spent most of her time looking at performers who aren't our normal performers, but would be suitable for our Performers Series New Directions.
- The proposed line-up of performers for the 2012/2013 season was distributed. After some discussion, **Gary Moeller** moved to accept the slate of performers as presented. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0. The slate of performers is being presented earlier this year in order to get the season rolled out in May instead of July. Nothing has been set up for a special event yet. The Performing Arts Committee will meet one more time to discuss doing a special event and the Senior Series.
- Kit asked for permission to seek quotes for the season guide. **Robin Norris** moved to allow Kit to seek quotes for the 2012/2013 season guide. **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Kit and Mike have discussed scheduling a mini board/staff retreat to look at our strategic plan. We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the plan. February 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> is being suggested as possible dates. After some discussion it was decided to hold the retreat on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to noon.

**Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

- Doreen presented 3 options to the board to replace strip lights and the possibility of adding a fly line for cyc lighting creating a 4<sup>th</sup> electric. Money was placed in this year's budget for this project. (see attachment) Doreen recommends Option 2. After much discussion, **Kendall Martin** moved to replace 3<sup>rd</sup> electric strip lights with electrical distribution strip plus replacement of cyc strip wiring with new distribution strip and replacement of strip lights with cyc lights. Indianapolis Stage is running a special promotion for the month of February, buy one get one free. Indianapolis Stage is willing to hold this offer beyond February for us pending board approval. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0. Doreen will investigate the cost of Option 3.

*At 5:15 p.m. Mickey Seger left the meeting.*

- One of the custodians is changing over the fluorescent lights. The ballasts are going out. We are not able to get these ballasts anymore. Soon we will not be able to get the lamps.

### **Education Report**

Donna reported.

- The Magic School Bus was held at JAC. We had approximately 750 students in attendance. One school dropped out the day before due to lack of funding. The Education Committee is looking ahead to next year's programming.
- Donna is doing a presentation to TRI KAPPA about the importance of the Arts in the schools. She will encourage them to be advocates for the Arts in the schools.
- Donna will be at the Kennedy Center next week for the annual meeting for Kennedy Center Education partners.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Corina reported.

- Winter workshop sign-up is going well. We currently have 6 classes that will go.
- Emily just hung the current exhibit by Alexandra Vainshtein.
- March is Youth Art Month. Emily has contacted the teachers from all the local schools to get images.
- She is working with Corina on Chalk Walk and has started planning for the hands on market.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported.

- Open House was very successful. People enjoyed the performances and were impressed with the facility. Approximately 40 of the travel mugs sold. The mugs are currently displayed in the gallery and at City Hall. They will be available for purchase at Chalk Walk. The cupcakes were a huge success. Thanks to Linda Kahle for making and donating the cupcakes and toppings.
- The Special Events committee is interested in having a float in the Strassenfest parade. Corina is seeking permission to look into this event. Discussion followed regarding man power to build and cost of a float. The board thought it a great idea to look into.
- The Linda Smith Band is a special event this summer. The Special Events committee thought it would be interesting to have some tents with food vendors and her music playing prior to the event.
- Some new events at the Chalk Walk are free games for the children to play, a small parade during the day and inviting community groups to participate as long as their activity is relevant.
- Corina also asked permission to seek quotes for the Chalk Walk T-shirts. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Corina to seek quotes for Chalk Walk T-shirts. **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 7-0. The colors for the T-shirts will be orange logo with yellow, orange and red tie-dye.

### **Old Business**

- Becky Hickman reported that her first City Council meeting went fine. Linda Kahle will attend this month's City Council meeting.

### **New Business**

- The Board member information sheet was distributed. Board members were asked to review their information and inform Karen of any needed changes.

### **Adjournment**

**Pat Thyen** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. **Kara Bodle** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

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Mike Jones

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Attested