

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
February 5, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following  
**Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Becky Beckman, Kara Bodle, Linda Kahle, Becky Hickman, Sherry Monesmith and Selena Vonderheide. **Commission Members Absent:** Mickey Seger. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci, and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Mayor Terry Seitz, Matt Crane, Alex Sondeen, Jim O'Neil, Mick Birge, Lisa Wallace, and Dan Drew. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Sherry Monesmith** moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Linda Kahle** moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

*At 4:33 p.m., Kara Bodle arrived at the meeting.*

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Mick Birge, Star Valley Productions, approached the board requesting to rent the auditorium on Monday, February 11, 2013, to launch NewsNow Dubois County, a media web channel. The cost of the rental is \$695.00. He requested to trade six months of advertising space for JCAC at a value of \$500 per month in lieu of the \$695.00 rental fee. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Star Valley Productions to use the JAC on February 11, 2013 to launch NewsNow Dubois County, with an agreement that the JAC rental fee will be exchanged for 6 months of packaged advertising on NewsNow Dubois County. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- Kit asked permission to reschedule the *10,000 Maniacs* performance to May 18, 2013. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to allow the rescheduling of *10,000 Maniacs* to May 18, 2013. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 10-0. Schnitzelbank had been contracted to provide beer and wine for the original performance date. The Special Events committee will look into outdoor food and beverage activities to go along with the new performance date similar to the Linda Smith event because the new day is now in the spring.
- The proposed line-up for all 4 series for the 2013/2014 season was presented to the board. **Mike Jones** moved to accept the line-up of performers for the 2013/2014 season. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- Kit requested to seek quotes for the 2013/2014 season guide. **Robin Norris** moved to allow Kit to seek quotes for the season guide. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- At the Mayor's request, Kit asked the board to allow weather spotter training at no cost. The training will last approximately 4 hours. **Mike Jones** moved to allow weather spotter training at no cost. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- The new gallery displays are complete and installed. They look great. Kit thanked Doreen and her crew for completing this project.

## **Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

- *ScrapArtsMusic* requires speakers to be hung from the proscenium. We currently do not have the capability to do this. The estimated cost is approximately \$2250. Doreen asked for permission to seek quotes to install what is needed to hang speakers. This is a requirement that Doreen is seeing from more and more performers. She only has a few days to get this work done before *ScrapArtsMusic* performs due to rentals already booked. **Pat Thyen** moved to allow Doreen to seek quotes to hang speakers, not to exceed \$2500, and to accept the low bid. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- Doreen also asked for help with load in and set up work for the *Russian National Ballet*. She needs 20+ volunteers. She will need help on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Friday daytime for load in. Doreen asked the board to spread the word and have anyone interested in volunteering to call her.

## **Education Report**

Donna reported.

- Peter Yarrow was musically brilliant and a wonderful teacher. It was a wonderful event for students.
- Education Committee meeting is tomorrow. They will be looking at education events for the 2013/2014 season.
- Donna asked for volunteers to seat students on Thursday for the school productions of *How I Became a Pirate*. She also asked for volunteers for the school productions for *The Gruffalo*.
- Kit commended Donna and Corina on marketing *The Gruffalo* to the regional schools. Students from as far as Washington and English will be attending these school performances.

## **Visual Arts Report**

Emily reported.

- Jessica Burke's art work is currently being exhibited in the gallery.
- FIRST THURSDAY is this week. Strings, Inc. will be providing music, and Blue Heron Winery will provide wine. The downtown merchants *are not* participating during the winter months.
- The deadline for signing up for Winter Art Classes is tomorrow.
- Chalk Walk planning has begun. The VAC has decided on the hands-on activities. Activities will include: paper marbling, face painting, tie-dye T-shirts, duct tape book marks and Eye Spy hunt. The community canvas will be a 3D art project good for photo opportunities.

## **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported.

- Birthday parties are still going strong. February is booked for all available weekends. There will be less time available for parties in March, April and May due to rentals, performances, and the Chalk Walk.
- Corina distributed quotes for Chalk Walk T-shirts. The low bid was All Star Sports with a price of \$2.85 per shirt regardless of size. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to accept the bid from all Star Sports for Chalk Walk T-shirts up to \$2000. **Becky Beckman** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- Special Events Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss upcoming events including *10,000 Maniacs* and the Strassenfest Parade float.
- Emily reported that representatives from the Downtown Merchants Association and Arts staff will form a committee to discuss FIRST THURSDAY Showcases and the Merchants participation and planning.

## **Old Business**

- New building status is on hold pending the purchase of the Country Club property and how we fit into that.

- Mike Jones stated he has a meeting scheduled with City Treasurer, Juanita Boehm, to discuss the credit card issue.

### **New Business**

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann is continuing the tradition of the Hoosier Women's Artist contest and is accepting entries. Mike asked Emily and Donna to get the Information out.

### **Adjournment**

**Gary Moeller** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. **Becky Beckman** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

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**Mike Jones**

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**Attested**