

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
January 2, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Sherry Monesmith, Kara Bodle, Becky Beckman, Selena Vonderheide and Mickey Seger. **Commission Members Absent:** Robin Norris, Becky Hickman and Linda Kahle. **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 and Mayor Terry Seitz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Jones asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the tragedy in Connecticut.

Kit introduced and welcomed new board members Becky Beckman and Selena Vonderheide. Both are already members of the Special Events Committee and Chalk Walk volunteers.

Mike asked the Nominating committee for recommendations for officers and opened the floor for nominations. Mickey Seger reported that Linda Kahle agreed to be nominated for secretary. **Mike Jones** recommended a slate of officers for nomination: Mike Jones as President, Robin Norris as Vice-President and Linda Kahle as Secretary. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. **Gary Moeller** moved to close the nominations. **Pat Thyen** seconded. After no further discussion, motion passed 8-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Pat Thyen** moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. **Mickey Seger** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

#### **City Financial Statement**

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- The JCAC came in significantly under budget for the year. Mike thanked staff for being prudent on spending and still providing quality programs.
- The Leahy Family Christmas show was an outstanding performance. Attendance of tickets sold was great.
- 10000 Maniacs is coming up this month. This is on our Performers Series New Directions. Peter Yarrow is coming later in the month on our Backstage Series. The Peter Yarrow performance is sold out. There is a waiting list, but not enough to open the house.
- Terry Wigand, 2<sup>nd</sup> custodian, has resigned. Kit is seeking permission to hire a replacement for him. **Gary Moeller** moved to accept the recommendation to hire a second maintenance person. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Kit invited the board to come out to the Arts Center to see the new gallery displays. They look great. The gallery looks totally different and quite large.
- Kit distributed a proposed partial line-up for the upcoming season. The line-up is not finished, but she would like permission to catch the dates on some of the bigger performers or we may lose them. Some of these performers for next season are: The Osmond Brothers, *The Miracle Worker* by Montana Rep.,

*The Blue Brothers Review*, Eugenia Zukerman, Lynn Trefzgar, Grace Kelly, and The Golden Dragon Acrobats. After some discussion, **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Kit to make the contractual arrangements to secure this list of performers. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

- Kit reported that Mike presented to the City Council the request for a credit card for the Arts Department. In the last 6 years, Kit, Doreen and Donna have charged over \$70,000 to their personal credit cards. They do not get reimbursed for interest on credit cards or sales tax. Examples of these expenses include all the costs associated with conferences, the City Entertainment permit, registering our domain name, postcard printing, equipment rental and other purchases necessary to our business, all completed online. Kit will change companies for our postcard printing to one who will set up a business account, but the price will be 3 to 4 times higher than what we currently pay. The City is looking into the credit card request. Discussion followed.

### **Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

No report this month. She opened the floor for questions.

### **Education Report**

Donna reported.

- Adam Long is the artist exhibiting in the gallery this month. He will provide a workshop for JHS art students.
- Education committee will start meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month instead of the last. This will start next month.
- Peter Yarrow will be doing performances for elementary students on January 28. *Operation Respect* is the title of his program for students.
- Donna is requesting permission to attend the Kennedy Center Annual meeting in February. This is a requirement of the partnership. Nancy Habig from the School Board will be attending as well. The Kennedy Center is providing a \$500 grant to assist with the cost of attendance. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Donna to attend the annual meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Emily reported.

- Adam Long is the artist exhibiting in the gallery this month. He is a sculpture artist from Missouri. The gallery looks great with the new displays. Adam Long is providing a workshop Friday morning at the Arts Center for JHS art students.
- Winter Workshops schedule will be out tomorrow. The classes start in February.
- FIRST THURSDAY reception is tomorrow. Chris Schepers will be the musician in the gallery and Adam Long will provide a gallery talk on his exhibit. Soup and wine will be available as well.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported.

- Birthdays are not showing any signs of slowing down. January is fully booked and February is getting booked.
- Corina is asking permission to seek quotes for Chalk Walk T-shirts. **Selena Vonderheide** moved to allow Corina permission to seek quotes for T-shirts. **Mickey Seger** seconded. Motion passed 8-0. Chalk Walk is May 4, 2013. Rain date is one week later.
- Becky Beckman asked about feedback from birthday parties. Kids say it's the best birthday party they've ever been to. Parents are pleased. Corina and Emily ask parents for feedback and suggestions. Glamour is the most popular party. Dance is the second and Art is third. No one has booked a theatre party to date.

**Old Business**

- Mike reported the City is moving forward with the purchase of the Country Club property. We will keep the new building as an agenda item, but wait and see what happens with the new property purchase.

**New Business**

- Mike passed around the sign-up sheet for the City Council meetings. He stated he will take the extra month and December. At the meetings, Board members can provide a brief update, answer questions or just be recognized as a dept. of the City.
- Mike passed out the board member information sheet and asked everyone to please review for changes or corrections and give any changes to Karen.

**Adjournment**

**Gary Moeller** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. **Kara Bodle** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

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**Mike Jones**

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**Attested**