

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
July 3, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at the Jasper Arts Center. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Kara Bodle, Linda Kahle, and Becky Hickman. **Commission Members Absent:** Robin Norris, Mickey Seger, Kendall Martin, Sherry Monesmith and Nanette Parsons. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Candy Neal and WITZ News Director Jim O'Neil. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Jones welcomed new City Attorney Renee Kabrick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gary Moeller moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Financial Statement

Pat Thyen moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- The summer intern, Tara, has been busy with ARTventures and doing a lot of graphic design work. The \$1800 in the summer intern wages line item is almost gone. Kit requested \$500 to be moved into that line item from the custodial wages line. This will allow Tara to work through the last couple of weeks of ARTventures. **Mike Jones** moved to allow \$500 to be moved into the summer intern wage line item from the custodial line item. **Becky Hickman** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- The proposed 2013 budget summary was distributed to the board members. There are only a few changes between the 2012 budget and the 2013 proposed budget. General supplies line item increased to allow for purchase of upgrading front of house lights. The repair line item is increased by \$2000 to repair drains behind the building. The printing and advertising line item is increased to promote the New Directions series. Salaries are dictated by the City. **Gary Moeller** moved to present the proposed 2013 budget to the City Council. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- The early registration deadline for the January APAP conference is this month. Kit requested \$2045 to cover airline, hotel and registration costs to attend the conference in January 2013. There is \$2500 in the budget for this event. **Linda Kahle** moved to allow Kit to attend APAP. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Feedback on the Linda Smith Band event has been good. The pre-event on the west lawn with the Schnitzelbank Restaurant went very well also.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Summer maintenance will not begin on the building until ACT's production of *Cinderella* is complete.
- Doreen is looking for upholstery fabric for the new gallery panels. This construction work will be completed in house and begin later in the summer.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- Meetings with the Principals of the Jasper schools are going well. Precious Blood School has a new principal. Donna will ask the Precious Blood representative on the Education committee to attend the meeting with the new principal. Donna invited any board member to attend as well.

- The marketing campaign to regional schools for *The Gruffalo* has begun. Holy Family has already committed to attend as well as one regional school.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- Forty-seven entries for the Juried Art Show have been received. The Juror will be here next week.
- The current exhibit is by The Dubois County Art Guild. They hung their show yesterday. The reception is this Sunday.
- Emily attended the Downtown Merchants Association meeting with Corina. She introduced the idea of a new event, "1st Thursday Community Showcase". Larger cities offer first Fridays and involve galleries and museums and have a stroll or a walk. The Krempp Gallery will stay open until 8 p.m. It will feature the gallery exhibit artist, possibly a local winery and live music. Runaway Artists, a plein air art group, may be interested in participating as well. She invited the Downtown Merchants to be a part of this new event. Emily will put together a proposal for the merchants. They seemed interested and excited by a new event.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported.

- Feedback was good on the Linda Smith Band event. A lot was learned. More seating area and an expanded beer garden are needed. For future outdoor events we need to move more of the seating into the shade. More research needs to be done regarding the seating of minors with the parents if the parents want to have a beer or glass of wine. At this event the parents and children were separated. The Schnitzelbank Restaurant was pleased and will come back for future events like this one. We may want to research into what needs to be done to have an event in the gallery with beer/wine available.
- The Strassenfest parade float has been redesigned a bit due to technical difficulties, but the theme remains the same. We have 10 volunteers at this time and still need an additional 8 volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering for the parade can contact Corina. Bookmarks have been ordered to hand out at the parade and approx. 33 lbs. of candy will be purchased to hand out.
- The Downtown Merchants Association have asked the board to consider moving the date of the Chalk Walk. They feel strongly about not wanting the date or rain date to fall on Mother's Day weekend. They feel it hinders people from accessing their businesses to make purchases. They proposed the last Saturday in April or the first Saturday in June. After some discussion, **Mike Jones** moved to table this discussion until the board has a chance to speak with the Merchants and asked Corina to invite the merchants to the next board meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Old Business

- Mike brought in Candy Neal's article from *The Herald* featuring the proposed building expansion.
- Brief discussion was held on ticket sales for the upcoming season. New combinations of series orders are being seen early on.

New Business

Adjournment

Linda Kahle moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. **Kara Bodle** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Mike Jones

Attested