

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
February 3, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Sherry Monesmith, Selena Vonderheide, Kyle Rupert, Beth Seidl, Becky Hickman and Darla Blazey. **Commission Members Absent:** Linda Kahle and Gary Moeller. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, and Emily Colucci. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter, Candy Neal, WITZ News Director, Jim O'Neal, Next Act President, Mark Steczyk, and Forest Park student, Noah Saylor. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robin Norris moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Financial Statement

Pat Thyen moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

- Mark Steczyk with Next Act gave an update on the status of the Astra project. He stated they have \$152,000 in donations to date for the purchase of the Astra in the 1st phase of the fund raising efforts. They are still aiming for a March 31, 2015 deadline for the 1st phase. They are working on an option for the purchase before the March deadline, to have the right of 1st refusal in case someone else tries to buy the building. Phase 2 will be more of an 'in-kind' phase to get bathrooms completed to get programming rolling. Phase 3 will be a bigger public campaign to raise funds for a full renovation.

At 4:37, Becky Hickman arrived at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- The budget has an adjustment in the salary line updated from City Hall to incorporate cost of living increases and 53 pay periods in 2015 instead of 52.
- January was a busy month. We had 3 performances starting with *Nashville Backstage* which was sold out. *The 3 Painters* was the next performance. It was a fun performance. We received great feedback from the public on this one. *Tomas Kubinek* was the 3rd performance of the month.
- Kit attended APAP at the beginning of the month. There are lots of options for the next year for the Performing Arts Committee to look at. Hopefully the line-up will be brought to the board next month.
- Our alcohol license is up for review. Kit will attend this meeting.
- ACT has indicated an interest in partnering with us this year in bringing *Missoula Children's Theatre* here. The show is *Sleeping Beauty* and will be the week of June 22 through June 27. This event is in the budget. The performing fees are \$3,700 plus housing and some incidental fees. ACT and JCAC will split the cost. Kit requested approval to pursue this project. **Selena Vonderheide** moved to partner with ACT and bring Missoula in for the week in June. **Beth Seidl** seconded, and the motion passed 9-0.
- Kit requested permission to seek quotes for the 2015/2016 season guide. **Mike Jones** moved to allow Kit to seek quotes for the season guide. **Darla Blazey** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Computers were ordered and installed in January with minimal glitches. A few software installations are still needed, but otherwise computers are up and running. A stand alone storage unit was installed and is also working as a server.

- Doreen requested permission to scrap the six old computers after the hard drives have been properly erased or removed. Renee Kabrick asked that the asset numbers of the six computers be brought to the board at next month's meeting to clarify they are being scrapped. **Mike Jones** moved to scrap the 6 old computers. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Doreen requested to have the old kiln classified as surplus and sold at the City auction. **Mike Jones** moved to classify the old kiln as surplus and sell it. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Doreen requested permission to attend the CUE conference. She will receive 3 days of training for the new light board that is in the budget. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to allow Doreen to attend the conference. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Education Report

Emily reported in Donna's absence.

- Donna is at the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Conference in Washington D.C.
- Joshua Kane will be here this month. He will be doing school shows at JHS & JMS and also a public show. He also will be providing a workshop for teachers as part of the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Program.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- A new exhibit was hung today. The exhibit is oil paintings by Stephanie McGuinness. They are vibrant in color and a nice contrast to the black and white exhibit last month. The First Thursday reception is this week from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Winter workshop deadline was Monday. Eight of 14 classes are a 'go' for the winter session.
- There are 2 glamour birthday parties this weekend.
- Northwood Retirement Center contacted Emily to do an art class for residents. She will provide this class on February 26th. The cost will be \$2.50 per resident.
- The next *Canvas and Cabernet Class* is March 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Krempp Gallery.

Project Coordinator Report

Kit reported in Corina's absence

- Kit requested permission for Corina to seek quotes for Chalk Walk T-shirts. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to allow Corina to seek quotes for T-shirts. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Mike Jones reported the date of the 40th anniversary event is September 26, 2015. The event was approved last month, but the date was not recorded in the minutes.

Old Business

- 7 Board members and staff moved to the Hoosier Desk Bldg. at this time for a tour with Ken Sternberg. The meeting was kept open.
- Some questions were asked during the tour regarding age of the roofs, sprinkler system, flooding potential, etc.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

- Mike Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:45. No motion was made at this time since several board members left the tour due to time constraints and there was no longer a quorum.

Mike Jones

Attested