

**Northville Arts Commission**  
**Art Commission Monthly Meeting**  
**August 13, 2014**

**Call: Present:** Joann Bandoni, Ellen Bennett, Mary Step, Liz Oliver, Jennifer Helner, Sharron Rossow, Sue Taylor

**Guests:** Joan Potter Thomas, Liz Carter

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m, a quorum was established

**Approval of Minutes:** No Approval of Minutes

**Officer Reports:**

**Chairperson–** Sue Taylor

The Emerging Artist lights will be up soon. We will wait to hang the emerging artist work until the lights are up. We need sponsorship for this. Elections are coming shortly. Linda Liedel has offered to be the VP Chair.

Restructuring the Art Commission – Are monthly meetings necessary? Should the commission divide into sub-committees? How can we re-energize the Art Commission to better support the Art House? Sub committees could include financial, publicity, volunteers, exhibits, programming, arts and acts, and membership

**Treasurer**

We need a treasurer or accountant on staff.

**Committee Reports:**

**Exhibits—Ellen Bennett**

The Lines show art intake is Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit committee meeting is next Wednesday and we will be discussing the 2015 schedule.

**Events—Liz Carter**

The Chair Auction is on the 18<sup>th</sup> – Invitations are going out.

**Director's Report – Joan Potter Thomas**

Further explanation of the 501c3 Friends of the Art House: Step 1 – get the 501c3 status. Step 2 – form the board. We are probably 4 – 6 months away from getting the 501c3 status. This will allow us to apply for grants, and more corporate sponsorships. The grant money will fund specific programs and projects, but will not be for general operating costs. General operating funds will need to come from donations, membership, classes, and fundraising.

The Art Commission will continue to be the working board.

The board of the Friends of the Art Commission will be a figurehead fundraising board. They will meet 3-4 times a year and will be expected to give significant financial gifts. Board members will not dictate policy of the Art House.

Once we have the 501c3 status we can also start a capital campaign. At the point that we announce the capital campaign we should already have a large amount of money pledged (over half).

**Adjournment:** 8:30 p.m.

*Approved Minutes September 10, 2014*