

Northville Arts Commission

The Regular Commission Meeting

March 13, 2013

Call: Present: Ellen Bennett, Mark Kassa, Lisa Meinzinger-Abraham, Elizabeth Oliver, Sharon Rossow, Mary Step, Sue Taylor

Guests: Nancy Darga, Joan Potter Thomas, Phil Krstovski

Call to Order: 7:07 p.m.; A quorum was established

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ellen Bennett, seconded by Mary Step then voted unanimously for the approval of the February meeting minutes. We will be approving the November meeting minutes at the April meeting

Officer Reports:

Chairperson– Sue Taylor

An updated Vision statement will be on the agenda next meeting.
We shared a salute to friend and board member Gerry Culpepper.

Treasurer

As of February 28, the ending fund balance was \$65,821 representing cash available for future expenditures. The preliminary year to date (twelve months) revenues total \$48,342 less expenditures of \$59,265 yielded a negative cash flow of \$10,922.

Committee Reports:

Exhibit– Ellen Bennett, Jeff Cancelosi

The student show is underway and we are developing a call for entries. April's Line and Brush has a workshop included for extra revenue. Call for entries is out for June's exhibit West of Center. Also the juror, Matt Eaton- curator of the Red Bull House of Art in Detroit has been selected.

The Dennis Michael Jones exhibit was very well-received. Albeit it was not set up for the sale of individual art, he managed to sell a piece to an inquiring fan.

We currently have 53 artist entries for Arts and Acts.

Other Business-

Lisa Meinzinger-Abraham secured the Marque Theater as the venue for the Reel Michigan Film Festival.

A representative from Moraine Elementary brought up the notion of covering the cost for needy kids to take art classes at the Northville Art House.

The recognition evening for volunteers could best be tied in before Arts and Acts.

Mark Kassa suggested commissioners volunteer random afternoons at the Art House to work on Art Commission projects/Art House improvements and to assist JPT with daily tasks and research.

Joan Potter Thomas has the paperwork to pursue the Art Commission becoming a 501c3. Once we receive that status, we will be able to make a motion to potentially allocate \$10,000 to set up an endowment through the Community Foundation.

"Your power comes when you have an assertive vision," stated Joan Potter Thomas.

Nancy Darga mentioned we could do a different theme at our end of the year meeting.

Adjournment: 8:38 p.m.

Announcements

-Next NAC Meeting: April 10, May 8, June 12

-First Friday volunteer sign up (Set-up at 5:30 p.m.):

April 5- Line and Brush: Amy Foster/Vienna Szabo

Committed volunteers: Sharon Rossow, Mary Step, Liz Oliver, Joan Potter Thomas

May 3- Northville Public Schools Student Art Show

June 7- West of Center Juried Exhibit