

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION
The Regular Commission Meeting
January 14, 2009; 7:00 p.m.
ART HOUSE

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Ellen Bennett, Jeff Cancelosi, Gerry Culpepper, Galina Koriduzki, Sharon Rossow, Mary Step, Kathleen Tabaczynski, Sue Taylor

Others Present: Nancy Darga, Dawn Northey

Commissioners Absent (excused): Dominique Moroz

Call to order: 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Gerry and seconded by Kathleen and voted unanimously that the December 10 regular meeting minutes be approved.

Financial Report: (Gerry)

Comprehensive budget report was presented

Director's Report (Dawn Northey)

Summary of month reported

Recognition of Visitors:

Old Business:

Art in Sun (Dawn)

The importance of scheduling committee meetings very soon was discussed. Final wording on application was discussed. The amounts of prize money awarded needs to be finalized. Need to check into availability of flags from Chamber. Kathleen will check into the feasibility of posting a banner across Main Street; Jeff will then secure pricing information. Since this is our largest fundraiser, it was stressed that the entire Commission assist as much as possible with mailing application – date to be determined in the next couple weeks. We are still waiting on the Chamber to provide an updated mailing list. We also learned that the Solstice Run was changed to the same date as Art in the Sun – this needs to be confirmed and arrangements made so that it does not interfere with artist check-in.

Winter/Spring Programming

It was discussed that better lighting would be extremely helpful in the downstairs Gallery to accommodate the lighting requirements for art classes. This expenditure would probably increase the usability of this space. Gerry will investigate lighting costs for this small improvement to downstairs Gallery.

Store/Gallery Hours

Due to availability of staff, it was decided that Store and Gallery hours continue Thursday through Sunday from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

New Business:

Marketing

There was discussion of the need for Art House signage downtown for foot and vehicular traffic.

Ellen will look at painting the Art House sign so it is more visible. Artist has given us permission to paint the letters.

Dawn asked that building use dates be submitted to her to avoid scheduling conflicts. There was general consensus that all staff and necessary volunteers learn and utilize the Google Calendar for scheduling purposes because it is a more efficient communication tool for all to use and access.

Committee Reports:

Exhibit Committee (Ellen)

The Holiday Art Market was confirmed on the Exhibit Committee schedule for November & December 2009 to open November 6 (first Friday) and continue through mid-December. It was discussed that this event is more of an outreach program from the Store and provides a fundraising venue for Store operations.

Announcements

Jeff Cancelosi, current NAC Commissioner, is exhibiting in a two person show at the Lansing Art Gallery, January 16 through February 25. Opening reception is this Friday, January 16, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. His exhibit is called "The Distance Between Us".

First Friday volunteer sign up (meet & greet our First Friday guests!)

February 6, Fiber Show – Sue, Ellen

March 6, Illustration – Kathleen, Mary

April 3, Senior Show – Kathleen, Sharon

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Taylor

Sue Taylor, Secretary

Approved: February 11, 2009