

## **Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting # 2 Oct. 15th, 2009**

Present: Darin Vits, Josie Almassy, Christy Zepezauer, Rev. Larry Jones, Mary Ann Duve, Mike Venier, Rick Munson, Robbie LeBlanc, Cathy James, Gary Johnson.

### **Meeting called to order at 5:35pm.**

#### **Old Business Discussion topics:**

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##### **First order of business from Sept.2 meeting:**

Cathy got a list of members e-mail addresses and sent out a copy of the Proposed Ordinance, Meeting Minutes, and a Poll sheet for topics of discussion from Sept. meeting. Members without e-mail addresses were sent information by mail. Responses received via e-mail were from Josi Almassy, Christy Zepezauer, Rev. Larry Jones and Rick Munson. Responses by mail were John Wetzel and Jim Wiltz. Jim Wiltz wrote that he is no longer active on this committee.

Discussion ensued in regards to positions; The following nominations were determined from those in attendance and with reference to returned responses. These nominees will be placed on a ballot for voting at the next meeting with spots for write ins. **Members must be present to vote. Only members present at the November meeting can motion to place write ins on the ballot.**

Chair - Darin Vits

Vice-Chair - Christy Zepezauer & Josi Almassy

Executive Board Members- Mike Venier, Rev. Larry Jones, Rick Munson

Secretary- Cathy James

Treasurer-Mary Ann Duve

##### **Second order of business- proposed meeting night:**

Discussion; In consideration of the large number of people in this group, it was determined that it will be impossible to pick a night that will always work for everyone, thus being said, members in attendance decided that the **meeting date and time will be consistently on the first Monday of each month starting at 5:30pm in the community room (first Floor) of the Public Safety Building.**

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##### **Third order of business:**

Discussion on projects and how we see ourselves as a committee; Several ideas and thoughts were discussed. The general end discussion thought is that we are a commission assigned by the Mayor of Dixon to support Art & Culture for the people. Ideas, thoughts and desires of the people should be brought to the commission and if determined by the commission to be worthy and realistic projects, the committee should then work to spear-head the projects, assign working committees and assist in finding funding. Several project ideas were mentioned including; talent shows, riverfront programs, and celebrations to bridge gaps with various ethnic groups in our populous. This order of business encompasses a very broad expanse of ideas and will need to be tabled for discussion at future meetings.

#### **Agenda for next meeting**

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1. We have yet to have everyone named to this commission at a meeting. Cathy will contact those members who missed this 2nd meeting and verify contact information and continued interest in serving on the commission.

2. Vote for nominees or write ins for positions on the commission.
3. Write a Mission Statement
4. Work to establish working Rules, Guidelines, Operational procedures and Goals.
5. Christ Z. will contact Amy Viering as Christy stated that Amy had interest in this commission.
6. Rick M. will follow up with Mayor Burke regarding a grant writer to possibly write a grant for start-up funds.

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**Other**

Cathy will send the next meeting agenda and notice to the paper. The meeting room will be reserved for the first Monday of each month. E-mails will be sent or mailed to all members with attachments of the meeting minutes, the Proposed Ordinance (please review) and the voting ballot.

**The next meeting will take place at the Public Safety Building at 5:30pm on Monday Nov.2nd, 2009.**

Cathy made an announcement of "Battle of the Bands" an upcoming Event on Oct. 24th at the Woodlawn Arts Center. Time TBA. All who can were invited to come out and show support for our area youth's garage band endeavors.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by Cathy L. James.