

# Arts & Cultural Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### November 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:40pm

Those in attendance: Darrin Vits, Christy Zepezauer, Josh Albrecht, Mary Ann Duve, Mike Venier, Rick Munson, Judy Brantley, Jayne Rose, Robbie LeBlanc, Gary Johnson, and Mayor Burke.

The first order of business was the election of the executive board. The results are as follows: Chairman – Darrin Vits, Vice-chairman – Christy Zepezauer, Secretary – Cathy James, Treasurer – Mary Ann Duve, Members at Large – Mike Venier, Rick Munson, and Jayne Rose.

Reapproved meeting night as the first Monday evening of the month at 5:30pm at the Public Works building. Our next meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Mayor Burke has notified Ellen, a previous grant writer for the city of Dixon, about submitting a grant application for a national grant.

Discussed membership being down from the originally approved 25 member, will leave the current number at 18 for now and hopefully add more as we develop.

3 agenda items for tonight: Goal Setting, Mission Statement, and By-laws

Mission statement: Read statement submitted by Kathy James and several members gave ideas. With some tweaking from members Mike Venier presented the following mission statement which was approved by all  
“To support, promote, and cultivate all of the arts and cultural affairs in the Sauk Valley area.”

It was decided to keep the name of Sauk Valley Arts and Cultural Commission versus reverting back to the Dixon Commission because we would like to eventually include other areas, which for now we agreed will be the 4 county areas of Lee, Whiteside, Carroll, and Ogle. We realize that we must get organized first with just the Dixon group but then as we progress we want to spread out into these other areas for art and culture, commission members, and financial help.

Some discussion of subcommittees occurred and some possibilities were Visual arts, Literary arts, Performing arts, Cultural affairs, and Finance. This will be discussed more as we organize.

Some goals for our group were discussed and included making a directory listing anyone in the arts and culture areas within the Sauk valley. We also talked about keeping a calendar that everyone can list events, concerts, etc. on as kind of a go to place to check for availability. We may use the calendar on the city of Dixon website or eventually create our own as well. We also discussed needing to have a fundraiser so that we have some working capital.

The discussion of By-laws was tabled until our next meeting so that members have some time to research other groups' by-laws.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00pm

Meeting notes taken by Gary Johnson