

Dec. 7th, 2009

Saturday, December 12, 2009

7:09 PM

Arts & Culture Committee Meeting

Present: Darin Vits, Mary Ann Duve, Mike Venier, Rick Munson, Judy Brantley, John Wetzel, Robbie LeBlanc, Cathy James, Mayor Burke, Christy Zepezauer

Approval of minutes: Correction of the mission statement as it should read -

“To support, promote, and cultivate all of the arts and cultural events in the Sauk Valley area.”

All in favor. None opposed.

Old business:

Goals and bylaws discussion continued. A hand out was given to the committee by Darin Vits outlining the responsibilities of an Arts Commission in California. This information will be reviewed by members and suggested adaptation will be discussed at the Jan. meeting.

Fund Raising:

The city's grant writer, Ellen, will work on a start-up grant for the Arts Commission at her normal fee of \$75 / hr, once we are able to give her a description of what we are looking for, with a list of goals. The Mayor will put the Commission in for a line item in the 2010 budget.

New business:

We will look into getting a web page or link for the Arts Commission on the City's web site at discoverdixon.com or discoverdixon.org. Shawn Ortgieson is the person to talk to in this regard.

Other fund raising ideas tossed around were a possible annual event around the new riverfront with a large tent during the summer, perhaps around Petunia Festival time (Mike Savage) is a contact for the tent rental.; Having a trip to raise funds; City wide raffle with participation by several organizations and different levels of raffle tickets for a 50/50 to potentially bring in \$500,000 to split between the participating organizations; Artists renditions of Petunias statues, paintings - around the community.

With no other business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm to allow time for the committee members to make an appearance at the city council meeting to show support for the Next Picture Show in their request for assistance from the council.

Next meeting Jan 4th, 5:30pm at the Public Safety Building.

Minutes by C. James