

Feb. 1st, 2010

Monday, February 01, 2010

5:41 PM

Arts & Culture Committee Meeting

Present: Darin Vits, Rev. Larry Jones, Mary Anne Duve, Rick Munson, Judy Brantley, John Wetzel, Robbie LeBlanc, Cathy James

Minutes: reviewed from last meeting.

Old Business: We will continue to look at the Arts Commission responsibilities as presented and revisit at the next meeting. Grant writing will be looked into further. A list of Resources for Arts Friendly Communities will be looked into for grants that would work for our group.

New reports: The Mayor held a meeting regarding the proposed annual raffle as a fund raiser with the net proceeds to be allocated to whatever organizations that want to participate and that would fall into the non-profit or not-for-profit category. Considering the current economic situation, raising funds could be slow at first and then may become popular as a yearly event. All groups would promote the raffle and sell tickets. This could be an annual year long event. Main Street, next picture show, etc. are 501C3 organizations that would be qualified to run the raffle in their organization's name. Mayor is waiting for feedback from any interested group. More research needs to be done, but the idea sounds feasible.

Other Ideas for fund raising were a possible local variety show, that could be held around Petunia Festival time, but that also would not distract from any similar events that would be a part of the Petunia Festival. A Taste of Sauk style event could also be a possibility.

The Grant writer charges 75\$/hr. which typically could run up to \$1500 or more. Rick Munson will check with the Mayor to see if any part of the money set aside for grant writing would be available for use by the arts & culture commission.

It was discussed and decided that to start with, three committees would be put together to work on the following projects: Committees: 1) Check into on-line grants and research which ones may help us get a start on funding, check deadlines, etc. - Cathy James will head this project. 2) Work on a variety show with cooperation from the Dixon Theatre - Darrin Vits will head this up and 3) Work on a web page directory to list the area's artists. - Christy & Jane will start this project. All members of the Arts Commission, who wish to volunteer to help with one of these projects, can contact the project heads.

Announcements:

David Klamen world renowned artist will be coming to the next picture show to do a class for art teachers and students. It will be a great event with cheese and wine. David is a Dixon native and HS graduate.

The honor flight project for the WWII veterans is coming along. Aug. 15th is the 65th anniversary of WWII. The Legion will work on ceremonial events. 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold. There will also be a WWII re-enactment.

Crystal cork will host an art reception on Friday night for Hope Green.

With no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

Next meeting March 1st, 5:30pm at the public safety building.

Minutes by C. James

Sauk Valley Arts & Culture Committee

Agenda for March 1st, 2010 meeting at the Public Safety Building 5:30pm

- 1.) Review minutes from last month's meeting
- 2.) Organize project groups:
 - a. Gathering grant information
 - b. Variety Show planning
 - c. Web page and directory for artists
- 3.) Reports & New Business