

Minutes of Oxford Cultural Arts Commission's
Regular Meeting – December 12, 2012

Call to order at 7:00PM

Present: Acting Chairman Martin Early, Acting Vice-Chairman Cynthia Soucy, Treasurer Elaine Shown, Secretary Ashleigh Smith

No amendments were made to the agenda.

Martin made motion to accept minutes from November 14, 2012. Seconded by Cynthia.

Audience of Citizens: Dorothy Peebles-Pelley (Gallery of Art), Jason Coombs & Sarah Beirne (Nine Mile Players)

Dorothy: Dorothy met with Elaine and Cynthia to put together a contract and budget for the Gallery of Art. She brought up the fact that the proposed weekend is the weekend on which Memorial Day is celebrated. This might cause a problem if the building is unavailable or if there is no one to set up. Dorothy will meet with Joanne to see if we can still use the building this weekend. If this weekend is not possible, we will move to the next weekend.

Dorothy is currently working on a timeline of necessary tasks. She would like to potentially invite the Phoenix Dance Troupe to join in the Gallery to add a dance element. If this would not work, we would like to consider perhaps early June?

Motion was made to accept contract between Dorothy Peebles-Pelley and Oxford Cultural Arts Commission made by Martin. Seconded by Elaine. Vote: yay: Martin, Ashleigh, Elaine, Cynthia/nay: 0.

Elaine presented a budget for the Gallery of Arts. She presented a supplemental plan for food setup vs catering that will save significant money. Motion was made by Martin to accept proposed budget for the Gallery of Arts. Seconded by Elaine. Vote: yay: Martin, Ashleigh, Elaine, Cynthia/nay: 0.

Jason/Sarah: Jason and Sarah wanted to meet to discuss 3 main categories: fundraising, sustainability, volunteerism. Jason expressed a need for help for various NMP events (Christmas event, production, etc). Cynthia suggested checking with the OHS honor society as they are required to do a certain amount of community service each quarter. Jason also discussed the need to gain help with fundraising. He rediscussed the idea of allowing NMP the ability to keep their 10% of fundraising efforts if they are going to try to do their own fundraising. Dorothy proposed the idea of OCAC and NMP working together to fundraise instead of 2 separate efforts. She suggested that a proposed plan be drawn up with each entity (NMP, GoA, Open Mic, etc) setting a goal of what they needed. The entire group would work together to raise money and each group would be given the portion of the goal that they set. She also expressed the need to focus on membership as this will create renewable income. Finally, Jason posed the question "where does OCAC see NMP in the future?" OCAC thought that NMP's goal was to eventually separate and form their own group. NMP expressed a desire to stay connected to OCAC as one united art group.

Acting chairman's report: Martin had nothing further to add.

Acting vice-chairman's report: Cynthia brought in screenshots from the OCAC website and discussed how it should be updated and what should be included on the updated pages. Ashleigh to update website with current information. She also proposed the idea of having sandwich board signs made to advertise. Ashleigh to investigate cost.

Nine Mile Players: Ashleigh has nothing further to add.

New Business: OCAC to investigate the possibility of gaining space in the proposed new library building.

Adjourned at 9:01PM

Respectfully submitted by Ashleigh Smith
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