

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION  
The Regular Commission Meeting  
January 10, 2018; 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Roll Call:**

Joanne Bandoni	Lesa Buckland, abs	Linda Liedel, exc.	Sue Taylor
Ellen Bennett	Jennifer Helner,abs	Elizabeth Oliver	

**Others & Guest Introductions**

**Staff: Amanda Barnett - Director;  
Erin Maten - Operations and Education Director.**

**Guests: Roland Hwang, Nancy Darga, Northville City Councilwoman**

**Call to order:** 7:08p.m.; Establish quorum

**Approval of Minutes:** For November 8, 2017 minutes Approved with changes. First - Ellen; 2nd; Joanne B; Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Officer Reports**

Chairperson

First Friday - the Todd Burroughs and Students "Atelier" show was well received. Approximately 100 people attended First Friday.

Vice Chairperson -- Volunteer Update -- tabled

Financials - Amanda will present our 2018 budget at the February meeting. *Through 12/31/17, our revenue is \$36,513.47 and expenses were \$56,696.94 leaving a negative balance of \$20,183.47. Fundraising is imperative! Focus should be on continuing to increase revenue through fundraisers, programming and other sources, such as increasing memberships, improving Arts & Acts and developing additional fundraisers.*

**Committee Reports**

Exhibits (next meeting January 17, 7:00 p.m.) The Art House has all exhibit months in 2018 completed. The committee will be evaluating artists for 2019.

**Other Business:**

List of Contractors - Parks and Recreation's contractors will no longer be involved with the Art House in snow plowing, grass cutting, etc; We hope to contact some of them individually to continue with the Art House. We will be searching for a "handyman" person to assist with various needs at the Art House. We are also in need of furnace, electrical and plumbing assistance.

Administrative Report - Amanda & Erin:

Fundraising Projects - Amanda: Winter Fundraiser @ Cantoro's February 10, 2018. Much discussion on obtaining items from Northville businesses for auction at the event. Amanda will need a head count for the event by 2/4. No tickets to be sold at the door. We need at least 100 ticket sales to ensure a successful event. We will be using posters advertising the event in as many public areas as possible. Sue and Amanda emphasized the importance of support for this fund raiser.

Programming/Operations - the Young Artist's Juried Art Fair on March 10th is progressing very well. Erin, Liz and Jenna have been evaluating the young artists at the Art House. Another evaluation day is planned for Sunday 2/21 from 12 - 2 pm. At that time Erin explains the procedure and requirements for participation.

Erin has requested possible budget allowance to allow funds for an end of year appreciation lunch for our teachers.

Jenna has taken over the store exhibits. Erin, Jenna and a volunteer cleaned and repainted the store. Artists are picking up old work and new work is coming in.

Teachers now have their own classroom areas for their supplies. Plans are being finalized to put class art work on the walls in the lower level. Thought is all students can see what others are doing and also display their own accomplishments.

We have added Moraine Grade School to our after school art program. We now have four schools enrolled.

Discussion of selling advertisements in our classes schedules to support the cost of printing.

Ellen elaborated on the high school scholarship project. Applications will be accepted from students who are planning to attend a college or university with the intention of studying visual arts. The applications will be reviewed by a yet to be determined board from the Art House. The t-shirts to help fund the scholarship will be a feature at Art Crush and also sold throughout the year. The scholarship will be awarded at the honors award ceremony on May 21, 2018 at Northville High School.

**Adjournment: 9:20 p.m.**

**Announcements:**

Volunteer Needs:

February First Friday, February 2: **POW!** A Juried Comics Exhibition.

Food/Drink:

5:30-7:30 (Set up): Joanne, Liz, Amanda

7:30-9:30 (Clean up & Lock up): Ellen B; ?

**Next NAC Meeting: February 14, 2018**

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth S. Oliver*