

**NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION**  
The Regular Commission Meeting  
August 9, 2017; 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Others & Guest Introductions**

**Staff: Abigail Wright-Geddes, Director, Amanda Barnett, Events Chair.**

**Guests: Liz Carter, Friends Board**

**Call to order:** 7:00p.m.; Establish quorum

**Approval of Minutes:** For June 14, 2017 minutes. First - Joanne - B; 2nd - Lesa B; Approved by unanimous voice vote,

**Officer Reports**

Chairperson

First Friday reception - plan for ongoing First Friday's beverage to be flavored and or sparkling water and plain water with ice. Ice will be purchased by Lesa to be sure ice is available. This past First Friday Erin live-streamed a video which was on our Facebook site. We had 1,000 people check us out via Facebook. Attendees also enjoyed the Art House's moveable wall made for us by an Eagle Boy Scout. This addition adds needed exhibit space.

Vice Chairperson -- Volunteer Update - Linda reported most of the recent volunteers are not members of the Art House. Linda will send out regular volunteer requests. It is important to keep our name and needs in people's minds.

Financials -

*We are now in a new fiscal year. We ended fiscal year 2016-17 with a deficit of \$11,912.72. It is imperative that we develop a concise plan for this current fiscal year to increase revenue through fundraisers and other sources, such as increasing memberships, improving Arts & Acts and developing additional fundraisers.*

**Committee Reports**

Exhibits - next meeting August 16, 7:00 p.m.

Joanne Rochon, NV Art House's previous exhibit chair passed away the last week of July. A memorial celebrating her life and work will be held at Joanne's and Paul's home in Northville in September. More information will be forthcoming.

**Other Business:**

501C3 Board Update & Recruitment -

Recruiting additional Commission members was discussed. Potential candidates will be sent a formal letter asking for their consideration as Commission members.

Administrative Report - The Art House has been contacted by The Friends of the Rouge River Conservancy to build a rain garden behind the Art House. Abbey is assisting this group in the hope that it comes to fruition

Joanne's Fabrics donates their overstocked & discontinued items to "Kids in Need". The Art House benefits from this program for our art classes.

Another Dine & Donate at Granite City August 30th.

Arts & Acts - All of us at the meeting feel Arts & Acts needs an update and a new look with additional offerings. Revenue & artist participation is decreasing. Elimination of Friday evening artist set up; keeping Saturday and Sunday; partnering with another entity; separating craft booths from fine art booths, and continuing with the Children's Art Show were discussed, Friday could be designated as the kick off night with Tipping Point and Short On Words starting the weekend events.

\*\*Joanne B suggested that we do the Children's Art Show in March 2018 at an inside venue such as the First Presbyterian Church of Northville where Joanne is a member. Another venue mentioned was possibly Northville Square Mall. Joanne B will check with her church to see of their interest and availability. The info will be given to Erin, Education Chair.

Programming - all adult art workshops have been cancelled for August. Two new teachers have been hired for the Fall children's classes.

Erin and Joanne suggested we have an additional children's art show the end of February or early March as well as during Arts & Acts. The Children's Art Show was very successful and we received many positive comments from the community.

Class registration is down as is membership.

Store Update - no report.

**Adjournment: 8:50p.m.**

**Announcements**

\*Volunteer Needs:

September First Friday, September 1, 2017: WEST OF CENTER!

Food/Drink: Lesa

5:30-7:30 (Set up): Lesa, Liz O; Amanda, Abby, Erin

7:30-9:30 (Clean up & **Lock up**): Abby, Erin, Amanda

**\*Next NAC Meeting: September 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m. (Sue and Linda on vacation during this time.)**

Minutes approved September 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth S. Oliver*