

**CULTURAL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
CITY OF NORTH OLMSTED
MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2011**

ROLL CALL

Chair Yustick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the North Olmsted Branch Library.

Present: Beverle Martindale, David Wahl, Gerald Yustick, Nasreen Starner

Absent: Barbara Brown, Barbara Schirhart, Miguel Cora

Visitors: Councilman Paul Schumann, Chelsea Schumann, Christopher Kulhanek

REVIEW AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Ms. Starner moved, seconded by Mr. Wahl, to approve the May 4, 2011 minutes, which was approved 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture

Mr. Yustick reviewed that Ms. Wenger will be sending a letter of intent on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of North Olmsted to participate and Ms. Schumann will be assisting her.

North Olmsted City Hall Art Gallery

Mr. Yustick said his artwork will be displayed throughout city hall over the next three month period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Olmsted Festival of the Arts

Mr. Wahl said the committee received more applications this year at this point than in prior years. He received three new artist applications as well as a request from a charity foundation. An application from an author who writes about Ohio wineries was received. The commissioners didn't object to having an author in the festival however there could be no alcohol served as it is prohibited in the Metroparks. Mr. Wahl said there were 73 pieces of art chosen from the High School to be displayed during the festival.

Emerald Village submitted a check to be listed as a patron in the festival brochure. Mr. Wahl said each of the sponsors should be contacted to acknowledge receipt. Mr. Schumann asked if the commissioners could assist in finding sponsors for the festival. He reviewed how Frostville handles non-profit groups whom participate in their events and how successful it has been.

A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the number of jewelry vendors approved for the event and possibly limiting how many can participate each year. Some members felt if there were too

many jewelers allowed it could deter some from returning. The following artists were approved: Virginia Regard, Denise Donaldson and Deby's Designs.

Mr. Schumann said that Frostville has held farmers markets for the past three weeks and it's becoming popular; they're up to fifteen vendors at the market each Saturday. Frostville would like to invite a few local farmers to the Festival of the Arts event if the commissioners consent as they could bring in additional visitors. Although the commissioners welcomed farmers to the event they would like to know the number of farmers and what they will be selling ahead of time. Mr. Schumann said they would like to invite five local farmers to participate.

Mr. Wahl moved, seconded by Mr. Yustick to approve inviting five local farming vendors to attend the Olmsted Festival of the Arts which passed 4-0.

Mr. Yustick asked if there were enough performers to ensure the music is audible to those in the immediate area. Ms. Schumann said that was not an issue as each performer is aware they are performing outdoors and bring appropriate equipment. Mr. Schumann briefly reviewed the areas and setups in which the performers would be assigned. Ms. Schumann noted there were already three or four original compositions which will be performed by students from around the Ohio area. Not all the other performers have been chosen yet, however they have received multiple recordings which are being reviewed. They are also looking to coordinate with high school students to set up an instrument petting zoo which would accept donations to offset its cost.

Mr. Wahl said there were documents to be given to Ms. Schirhart for the Ohio Arts Council and Arts in Ohio which Mr. Kepperley always joined and perhaps Ms. Schumann would like to join as well. Ms. Schumann said she started work on a facebook page and there were discussions regarding other methods which could be used to advertise and help the event grow via web media. Mr. Schumann said they were thinking about possibly having t-shirts for the workers to wear and perhaps selling them as a way to promote the event.

A committee meeting will be set up for the end of June to discuss the event in greater detail. Ms. Schumann said she would coordinate with everyone to set the meeting up.

Dover Players

Ms. Martindale said the first play was "Sherlock's Memoirs" which was adapted by the director Todd who took the original stories and turned them into a play. The play took in \$2,316.34 of which \$600 went to the director, cast party was \$406, Sherlock's bed was \$250 and refreshments \$408 leaving a net profit of about \$650. Dover Players awarded a \$100 Helen Duffy scholarship to Kevin Maludar. The next play which is underway is "Two Pails of Water" which is a family oriented comedy. The play will be performed the last three weeks of July and will include backdrops which will be placed on the main floor in lieu of the stage. Ms. Schumann will provide flyers regarding the Olmsted Festival of the Arts so they can be distributed at the performances.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Gerald Yustick, Chair



Donna Rote, Clerk of Commissions

Approved:


