



MIFFLIN-JUNIATA ARTS COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
HELD
February 26, 2009

The minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by P. Olbrich and seconded by June Taylor.

P. Olbrich made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously on a second by J. Taylor.

There was discussion regarding the Corporate Sponsorship letter. It was agreed that the letter should include 3 sponsorship giving levels with the top level asking for a donation of \$600.00. Discussion was also held regarding the status of the Kickoff Reception. Damein Henry sent a letter asking for use of the Lewistown Boro.'s Community Room for the Reception. The Borough is willing to waive half the cost of the room which would make the cost \$150 per day. In addition to the rental cost there would also be a \$25 fee and a \$120 fee for the liquor licensing. Arts Council members asked Damein to convey their thanks to the Borough for their generous offer for use of the room.

After some discussion, Thiry Olbrich made a motion to allow the Sponsorship committee to prepare the final draft of the sponsorship letter and allow it to be sent out before the next meeting. The motion passed on a second by J. Taylor.

J. Taylor made a motion to allow the executive committee to make the final decision as to whether or not to move forward with the Kickoff Reception this year. J. Specht seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Festival Coordinator – Damein has been coordinating services for the Festival. Paul reminded Council that someone will need to get the signs out for the Festival and that the signs will need to have dates updated.

Website – Sue Fisher submitted her photo contest entry form to be added to website.

Kids Crafts – Still in need of coordinator. Suggested to contact Salvation Army for volunteers.

Arts & Crafts Vendors – To date 30 vendors have applied. Feb. 27th will be the first jurying meeting.

Souvenirs – Joyce submitted information on Tote bags. She can get 10 for \$17.70. These are similar to grocery shopping bags. It was the consensus of the Council to pursue a higher quality canvas or nylon bag.

Food Vendors - Craig Rutherford has sent out applications to food vendors.

Bell Festival – To be held April 26 @ 3:30 PM at IVHS

Artist In Action – Jenny Landis has placed past Artist in Action murals at various locations throughout the area.

Stan Hunter-Kranc continues to work on press releases for the Festival. There have been some rumors circulating suggesting there will be no Festival held this year. It was agreed that we need to get some press circulating to promote the Festival.

T. Olbrich made a motion to make the original Sun Logo the official Arts Festival Logo, to be used on all future correspondence and literature. K. Acie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mordine met with the Stone Mountain Storage representative and they have agreed to donate a shed for Festival Headquarters.

It will be the policy of the Arts Council to not allow Political campaigners on Festival Grounds.

Nancy Aurand suggested an activity similar to the Lincoln Brushstrokes artwork that was done this year by local school students. She hoped it could be showcased on Sunday in the Student Art tent.

Sara Sutton reported that the Juniata Cultural Arts Committee will donate money for this year's ribbons.

It was suggested that the Council look into a Christmas Tour of Homes similar to the one held in Juniata County this year. It was a very successful fundraiser for them.

The next regular Arts Council Meeting will be held Thursday, March 26th @ 7PM at the Regional Business Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly J. Shutes
Secretary
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