

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
ARTS COMMISSION
April 7, 2014**

Members present: Janis Evans, Jean Hood, Don Edelman, Scott Lax

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Janis Evans.

CHAGRIN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Mary Ann Ponce said they are actively taking film submissions and they are already up to 2,500. She reported that The Lady in Number 6 will be shown on April 27th at the Inn at Walden at 2:00 p.m. reception following in a spectacular private home. She also reported that Best of the Fest - award winning films and reception will be on June 1st at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre.

CHAGRIN FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Bourisseau mentioned that the Church Lion Statue is back in Evergreen Hill Cemetery after 18 years at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Jane Babinsky wrote an article on it and it is on their website. He reported that they have purchased the building at 87 West Washington Street. They are now trying to put together a team to make this a reality and raise the funds that are needed to pay for the purchase price, redo the building, and hopefully replenish the heritage fund.

CHAGRIN FALLS STUDIO ORCHESTRA

It was reported that the next production is the guitarist, Flamenco on May 2nd and 3rd.

CHAGRIN FOUNDATION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

Betsy Towns reported that their annual benefit "Fired Up" will be held on May 21st at the Club at Hillbrook at 6:30 p.m and the Music Crawl will be on June 7th at 6:00 p.m.

CHAGRIN VALLEY LITTLE THEATER

Tom Neff mentioned that the Belle of Amherst was outstanding, Curious Savage is absolutely great to see, and coming up is Last Romance. Mr. Neff reported that in May they are putting on Twentieth Century. Mrs. Neff reported that they are going to have their annual luncheon on May 30th. Mr. Neff announced that, for the first time, they received a grant from the Cleveland Foundation.

VALLEY ART CENTER

Mary Ann Breisch mentioned they have their abstract exhibit up and it brought in a much younger

crowd than normal and coming up is Meet Me at Five. She said they are having the Bell Street Art Walk on May 2nd and 3rd and Art by the Falls is coming up the first weekend in June.

THEATRE DISTRICT

There was lengthy discussion regarding an ordinance to create a Theatre District which authorizes they Mayor to erect signage, as deemed necessary, to properly identify the “Chagrin Falls Theatre District” on eastbound West Orange Street, southbound West Street, and westbound River Street. All were in favor of passing this ordinance. It was also agreed that this should be considered for other areas such as the Valley Art Center and the Historical Society, etc.

Mrs. Evans said she has talked to all of the building owners in the designated area on River Street, West Street, and West Orange Street and they all support this and think it is a very positive step for them as well.

Moved by Jean Hood, seconded by Scott Lax to go forward with this and then put another piece in place. Carried. Ayes: Evans, Lax, Hood, Edelman. Nays: None.

ARTS DAY

Mrs. Evans said Friday, August 22, 2014 is the suggested date for the event. There was general discussion regarding the planning of the event.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Evans said she read Scott Lax’s book, Vengeance Follows, and if you live in the Village of Chagrin Falls you have to read this book and if you don’t live in Chagrin Falls you have to read this book. It is a terrific book.

Mrs. Evans said Mary Ann Breisch invited the Arts Commission to have a tent at Art by the Falls on June 7th and 8th. Mrs. Breisch said a tent is \$150 to rent so they can split it up amongst all of the organizations and they can bring their brochures and information.

MEETING NOTICE

Mrs. Evans announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Janis Evans, President
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