

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
ARTS COMMISSION
March 2, 2015**

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

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

CHAGRIN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Mary Ann Ponce said they are well on their way into submissions; they have received about 160 films. They will have films at Hamlet in March and early April. The Best of the Fest will be at the Chagrin Valley Little Theater on Saturday, April 25, 2015, which will just be a bunch of films from last year's festival and some surprise visitors. Sunday, the 26th, their overall festival winner "Zemene" will be at the Jewish Community Center in partnership with the Jewish Film Festival.

CHAGRIN FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Bourisseau gave an update on the renovations to their new building. He reported that Author and Historian, Sam Thomas, will discuss witches and witchcraft in 17th century England and the role of midwives in detecting and prosecuting them. This will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Library. "Lincoln's Last Day" will be held at South Franklin Circle on April 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Member Frank Kanzinger will focus on the events of that last day as he follows the paths that brought Lincoln and Booth together in Ford's Theater on the frightful April 14, 1865 evening.

CHAGRIN FALLS STUDIO ORCHESTRA

Steve Eva said they had a wonderful time with the Valley Art Center people and the Documentary Film Festival was a wonderful success. He said on Saturday, April 25th they will be at Packard Music Hall in Warren. On May 2nd they are back at the theater and their theme is going to be Movie Night. On May 10th they will be at the Federated Church for a Mother's Day performance.

CHAGRIN FOUNDATION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

Betsy Towns reported that on Friday, March 20, 2015 the Cleveland Winds ensemble will perform at the United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Behind the Musical: Hello, Dolly! will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. also at the Performing Arts Center and the Music Crawl is on June 6, 2015. Dance, Dance, Dance will be held on September 26th. She reported that The Chautauqua-in-Chagrin events will begin in June at the Federated Church. The Story of a Real-Life History Detective will be held on June 23rd, The Value of Water will be held on June 30th, Marijuana will be held on July 21st, and The Sustainable Table Part 2 will be held on July 28th. The Chagrin

Arts “Fire Up!” Annual Benefit will take place on May 7th at South Franklin Center at 6:00 p.m. This event will honor Joan Brown Campbell, who will be the recipient of their first “Joan Brown Campbell Award for Arts and Culture”. This annual award will honor an individual or organization in recognition of outstanding leadership in promoting arts and culture. There was discussion regarding the tourism and the economics that each organization brings into the village. Miss Towns said she can probably get the facts and figures from Karen Lazar. Mrs. Evans said this would be something that she would like to report to Council on.

CHAGRIN VALLEY LITTLE THEATER

Tom Neff reported that he attended The Real Inspector Hound and the Youth Theater Production over the weekend.

VALLEY ART CENTER

Mary Ann Breisch reported that their fund raiser, Hot Chocolate, was a very positive event and they are talking about making it an annual event. She said there are two more days for the It’s Secondary Gallery Exhibit and the Go Figure Gallery Exhibit opens on March 27th. Their Spring class session begins on April 13th and Art by the Falls begins on June 6th.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding an Arts Brochure, advertising, raising funds, and the Arts Organizations on the village’s website.

FUND RAISER

There was discussion regarding the opening of M Italian Restaurant on West Orange Street and the fund raiser that they discussed at the last meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

It was mentioned that the movie All-Stars, directed by Lance Kinsey who grew up in Chagrin Falls, will be at the Cleveland International Film Festival as well as theaters here.

There was brief discussion regarding signage in the village. Mrs. Evans said she would like to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Jean Hood said she wonders what everybody thinks about, in the name of art and preservation and architecture, if they could make some kind of recommendation to have the Philomethian school stay at the school. Moved by Mr. Edelman, seconded by Mr. Lax that the Chagrin Falls Arts Commission recommends that we preserve the Philomethian School as a school. Carried. Ayes: Evans, Hood, Lax, Edelman. Nays: None.

MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Evans said if the Historical Society meeting room is ready they will meet there. If not, they will meet in Council Chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Janis Evans, President
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