

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
ARTS COMMISSION
May 4, 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.

GUEST SPEAKER

Tom Schorgl, from the Community Partnership For Arts and Culture, spoke about the Arts and Cultural Action Committee. This political action committee persuaded Cuyahoga County voters, in 2006, to approve a 30-cent-a-pack tax on cigarettes to support the arts and they are looking for a spot on the November ballot to renew the levy for another ten years. He shared statistics with the commission and he explained the specifics of their programs. Jean Hood said that this was Mr. Schorgl's idea, Issue 18, and he worked on it day and night. This has helped the little guy as well as the big guy and it was a brilliant thing for this community. Mrs. Evans said we are all grateful for this to go on the ballot. Comments were heard and questions were answered.

Moved by Don Edelman, seconded by Jean Hood to have the Arts Commission support the resolution for this. Carried. Ayes: Evans, Lax, Edelman, Hood. Nays: None.

John Bourisseau provided literature for everyone and he thanked everyone for their support.

Jean Hood said not that you won't get a grant if you don't donate, but I think it is a good idea that all of the organizations give \$100 to this.

CHAGRIN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Mary Ann Ponce said they are in the process of receiving film submissions. She announced that once again they are on the Movie Maker Magazine top fifty list.

CHAGRIN FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Bourisseau said their last two programs were well attended and they will have some programs in August at Hamlet. He gave an update on the renovations to their new building.

CHAGRIN FALLS STUDIO ORCHESTRA

No report.

CHAGRIN FOUNDATION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

Betsy Towns reported that 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. She also reported that the annual Music Crawl will be held on June 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and Dance, Dance, Dance! will be held on September 26, 2015 at the Township Hall. 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.

CHAGRIN VALLEY LITTLE THEATER

Tom Neff reported that Motherhood Out Loud was held on Friday and Saturday night and were sold out. Also on Saturday was the CFSO Spring Concert - Movie Night. Always a Bridesmaid will begin on Friday, May 29, 2015, Barnum begins on July 17, 2015, and 10 One-Act Plays will begin on July 24, 2015.

VALLEY ART CENTER

Mary Ann Breisch reported that the Go Figure Gallery Exhibit closes on Thursday and it has been very well attended. Their third annual Art Walk was held on May 1st and 2nd and Art by the Falls begins on June 6th. She mentioned that Bud Deihl has started with the colors on the mural.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Evans said they have talked about the listing of individual artists and she meant to ask Mr. Schorgl how they handle that. She will call him and find out how they do that because they encourage that as well.

MISCELLANEOUS

Gary Gottfried said I have been appointed to the Chagrin Falls Economic Development Advisory Board for the Mayor. One of the key areas of conversation I had with him related to economic development and I personally see that as being a substantial opportunity for the Village of Chagrin Falls. There has been a lot of conversation about having the Arts community well represented. Mrs. Evans said Mr. Gottfried will be a part of this group from now on.

There was brief discussion regarding signage in the village. She said maybe this can be discussed at an Economic Development Advisory Board meeting and a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

There was lengthy discussion regarding a logo but nothing has been decided on as of yet.

MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held on August 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Janis Evans, President
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