

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
ARTS COMMISSION
August 6, 2012**

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

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

ORGANIZATION

A motion was placed on the floor, and seconded, to nominate Mrs. Evans as President. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAGRIN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Mary Ann Ponce gave a brief update on the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival scheduled for October 3, 2012 through October 7, 2012.

CHAGRIN FALLS STUDIO ORCHESTRA

Steve Eva reported that the last concert was performed in the park with the entire orchestra. Approximately 150 people attended.

CHAGRIN FOUNDATION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

Pam Hultin announced that the next Chagrin-in-Chautauqua event will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at the Federated Church. The topic is The Ethics of Cheating and Ambassador Andrew Young will be there. Hot Jazz will be performing in Riverside Park at 8:15 p.m. There is no cost to attend the concert.

The topic for the August 21, 2012 event is Presidential Power. John W. Dean, former Nixon White House Counsel and James D. Robenalt, Partner, Thompson Hine, LLP, and Author "Lessons of Watergate" will be there. Opera Per Tutti will be performing opera favorites in Riverside Park at 8:15 p.m.

Their Winter series will begin in October and they will be having a sit-down event with wine and cheese.

Ms. Hultin announced that their new Executive Director is Elizabeth O'Neil. Betsy Towns will be the representative to this commission.

CHAGRIN VALLEY LITTLE THEATER

Tom Neff said they are winding up their 82nd season. The production of Hairspray is running through August 18, 2012. They have attracted a very diverse cast and crew. The production of Belles, a comedy by Mark Dunn, will be running from August 10, 2012 through August 25, 2012. Murder by the Falls is being performed on September 7th and 8th and The Roar of the Greasepaint the Smell of the Crowd from September 14th through the 16th. He mentioned that they have run into a problem with parking.

VALLEY ART CENTER

Jeff Dean, President of the Valley Art Center, announced that Party at Gertie's is scheduled for Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Dean said classes start on September 10, 2012 and the schedule is available on-line and the calendar comes out this Thursday in the Chagrin Valley Times. There is a gallery exhibit on September 7, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He mentioned that the annual meeting of the Valley Art Center is on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The 41st annual Juried Art Show opens on Friday, November 2nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Bell Street Artwalk is Friday, November 9, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ART PROPOSAL

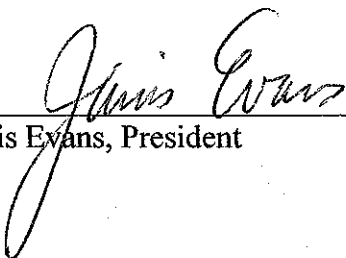
Terry Kavalec presented to the commission a proposal for a piece of art for Riverside Park. It is a simple, generic, 15 foot sculpture of a light fixture. Mr. Kavalec said it is fully funded and there would be no cost to the village. Mrs. Evans said if the Arts Commission approves this concept then they would take it to Council, but it would probably go to the Parks Commission for their support first.

It was agreed that they want to encourage this but there needs to be guidelines. The commission agreed to forward this request to the Parks Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Evans said they should discuss whether or not they want to encourage the making of films in the village or not. There was general discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



Janis Evans, President
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**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
ARTS COMMISSION
October 1, 2012**

Members present: Scott Lax, Don Edelman, Janis Evans

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

CHAGRIN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Nancy Rogoff gave a brief update on the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival scheduled for October 3, 2012 through October 7, 2012. Tickets can be purchased at the Township Hall or on their website.

CHAGRIN FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Bourisseau mentioned that they have a new book out *Mill Town Chagrin Falls* by Don Berriball . You can get it at the bookstore and at the Historical Society. He also mentioned that they have a bus trip coming up on October 17th. They will travel to the Chesterland and Russell historical sites. If you would like to attend you can upload a form of off the website or you can get one at the Historical Society.

CHAGRIN FALLS STUDIO ORCHESTRA

Steve Eva reported that they will be at the opening of the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival on Wednesday. He said they have a trio, from Switzerland, of a guitar, a violin, and a base. He also reported that the orchestra is in partnership with Dancing Wheels to produce the original story of Dumbo. He said they will be on stage with them for four performances the second weekend in May.

CHAGRIN FOUNDATION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

Betsy Towns announced that PROJECT Trio is performing at the Sheep Barn, Squire Valleevue Farm in Hunting Valley at 7:30 p.m. on October 27th. The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra is performing on January 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the Chagrin Falls High School, Apollo's Fire on March 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Federated Church, and The Musical Theater Project "The Making of the Music Man" on April 28th at 3:00 p.m. also at the Chagrin Falls High School.

CHAGRIN VALLEY LITTLE THEATER

Tom Neff said God of Carnage is a great play and the performers are outstanding. It will be running for three more weeks and then Veronica's Room will be in the theater.

VALLEY ART CENTER

Ann Chaney announced that the Documentary Film Fest is this Friday at 6:00 p.m. She said the 41st

annual Juried Art Show opens on Friday, November 2nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the Bell Street Artwalk is on Friday, November 9th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The 19th Annual Holiday Workshop for Children is on December 1st from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

ART PROPOSAL

Regarding the proposal that Terry Kavalec previously presented to this commission, Mrs. Evans said she did contact the Parks Commission and they are receptive to the idea of public art. She said she has asked the Planning and Zoning Commission to look at guidelines for public art. Mrs. Rogoff said they will have that on their agenda at the October 15th meeting.

Mrs. Evans reported that Dale Slavin brought in a small sculpture and he has made a larger sculpture out of paper mache, which is a magnificent piece. He is going to enter it into the Valley Art Center Juried Show. She said she would like to encourage everyone to take note of this because he would like to do a larger bronze sculpture for our parks, but we would have to find some funding for it. She would also like to encourage the members of the Parks Commission, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Arts Commission to attend that show and to particularly note Dale Slavin's piece.

PROMOTION OF FILMS IN THE VILLAGE

Scott Lax reported that they had a meeting with Ben Himes, Steve Byron, and Tyler Davidson (who is involved in film production) to discuss what is needed to promote films in the village, such as permits, waivers, storage, and housing. He said they also talked about the benefits of the village, financially. Films have been shown to give a really large return to a community in which they shoot. Some numbers were recently cited by Ivan Schwarz in the Plain Dealer about what the Avengers brought to Cleveland. Mr. Lax said he invited Mr. Schwarz to this meeting but was unable to attend. Mr. Schwarz is willing to come and speak to the community relative to film here at a later date. Mr. Lax said there is a very large difference between communities who are proactive and say what do we need to do to get you in here to make this work for both your film and our community and communities who say well, okay we will try to make that happen and not be real inviting. You will find that places that are aggressively pursuing it are getting the films shot there. He said he met with someone who moved back to Chagrin Falls who worked as an assistant very high up in the film industry and she might be interested in helping with the quick response team.

Mrs. Evans said they will continue to pursue this and see if they can come up with some firm guidelines for promoting filming in the village.

ARTS DAY IN CHAGRIN FALLS

Mrs. Evans said the participants can have an open house in their facility or they could have performances in Triangle Park if they wanted to bring everybody into one spot. It could be maybe four hours on a Saturday or Sunday promoting the different arts that we have available in town. Timing is probably the most difficult thing to decide, when should we do it, because we don't want

to interfere with anybody and what they are doing. Maybe you could all look at your schedules and see if there is a time during the Summer that would be better than another time.

MISCELLANEOUS

It was mentioned that, in a combined interest with the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, they are all applying for grants in terms of Chagrin Arts, the Valley Art Center, and the Chagrin Valley Little Theater. Mrs. Evans said one of the goals of the commission was to lend support to all of the groups to help them be stronger. Hopefully that will help them in their grant process. She said doesn't know how that can happen but if there is any way we can be supportive from the village's standpoint, as long as it doesn't cost any money, I am sure we would be happy to do so. Maybe this Arts Day would be a good thing that everybody could use on their grant application.

Mrs. Evans announced that the next meeting will take place on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Janis Evans, President
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**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
ARTS COMMISSION
December 4, 2012**

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

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

CHAGRIN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Mary Ann Ponce said their Call for Entries for their 4th film festival went out this week. She said dates have not yet been set for their Winter program but it will begin in March and in February the Orange Senior Center will be screening a whole bunch of great films. She reported that the 3rd annual Chagrin Documentary Film Festival topped 5,000.

CHAGRIN FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Bourisseau reported that their Christmas open house will be on December 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He mentioned that Don Berriball is doing a book signing at Fireside on the 8th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Bourisseau also mentioned that they are looking for a new location for the Historical Society.

CHAGRIN FALLS STUDIO ORCHESTRA

Steve Eva reported that their Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 23rd at 2:00 p.m. He also reported that their Valentine's Concert will be held on Friday, February 15th and Saturday, February 16th.

CHAGRIN FOUNDATION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

Betsy Towns mentioned that PROJECT Trio performed in Hunting Valley on October 27th. The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra is performing on January 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the Chagrin Falls High School, Apollo's Fire on March 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Federated Church, and The Musical Theater Project "The Making of the Music Man" on April 28th at 3:00 p.m. also at the Chagrin Falls High School.

Ms. Towns reported that on November 19th they did receive a grant from the Cuyahoga Arts Council and it was an increase of 17% over last year's grant. She said they are also receiving a 30% increase on the Ohio Arts Council grant for this year.

CHAGRIN VALLEY LITTLE THEATER

Tom Neff said Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat is running through December 16th, Wonder of the World through December 15th, and their Holiday Show & Gingerbread Tea will be

held on December 8th and 9th.

VALLEY ART CENTER

Ann Chaney announced that they have their annual Juried Art Show up and their 19th Annual Holiday Workshop for Children took place on December 1st; 80 children attended. She reported that Winter 1 Classes begin on January 7th and they are online along with the Call to Entry for the next two gallery shows. Mrs. Chaney mentioned that the Bell Street Shop will be open through December 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC ART GUIDELINES

Mrs. Rogoff said the Planning and Zoning Commission has asked that the village's engineer produce a map of all the public areas in Chagrin falls where public art might be placed. She said the commission is gathering information to put together a Public Art Master Plan.

ARTS DAY IN CHAGRIN FALLS

Mrs. Evans said at the last meeting they talked about having performances in Triangle Park, or at each organization's facility, on Saturdays or Sundays promoting the different arts that they have available in town. They would have to decide on the timing because they wouldn't want it to interfere with any of their annual Summer activities. Mrs. Evans asked for volunteers to put something together for their next meeting. Mary Ann Ponce, Nancy Rogoff, Steve Eva, Jean Hood, and Tom Neff agreed to volunteer and form a group to gather information for this event. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

PROMOTION OF FILMS IN THE VILLAGE

Scott Lax said they are trying to make Chagrin Falls film friendly. Gwen Mikolajczak, Assistant Production Coordinator of the Greater Cleveland Film Commission, (The Greater Cleveland Film Commission is designed to help facilitate the ongoing promotion and production of film, television, and other related media) spoke about how they try to bring films to Ohio and how they act as a concierge service between a film and a city, a residence, or a business. She talked about what is needed to promote films in the village such as permits and insurance.

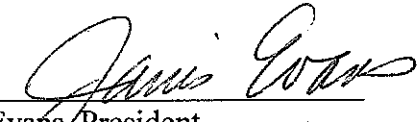
Ivan Schwarz, Executive Director of the Greater Cleveland Film Commission, talked about the ins and outs of the movie industry. He said to start with, the village should adopt some bylaws, guidelines, and rules regarding filming in the village. There was discussion, comments were heard, and questions were answered.

Mrs. Evans said she would like to appoint a special committee to work with Mr. Schwarz and the Cleveland Film Commission. She suggested Scott Lax, herself, Mary Ann Ponce, and Nancy Rogoff. All agreed.

MEETING NOTICE

Mrs. Evans announced that the next meeting will take place on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Janis Evans, President
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