



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
Friday, November 14, 2014
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

President Melcine Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Other members present were Garrie Burr, Barbara Romero, Barbara Santoro, Bwayne Smotherson, Winifred Sullivan, and Kay Watts.

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison
Mayor Shelley Welsch, Council Liaison

Approved Absence: Stephanie Schlaifer, Myra Vandersall, Joy Wade

Disposition of Minutes from October 14, 2014

Ms. Santoro made a motion to approve minutes, Ms. Watts seconded. Vote taken, all approved.

Citizen Comments

None.

Treasurer Report

Ms. Sullivan presented the financial summary, and bank statements for the general account and the Marvin Levy Fund as of October 2014. She also distributed the final Arts & Letters budget for FY14-15. She noted the RAC final report was submitted and the check from RAC was deposited in the commission account. A draft budget for next fiscal year was given out and Ms. Henderson requested commissioners read it over for discussion at the January meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Santoro to accept Treasurer's Report. Ms. Romero seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Euell-Taylor distributed proposed designs for the Arts & Letters tablecloth. Ms. Watts made a motion to purchase the tablecloth, Ms. Santoro seconded. Vote taken, all approved.

ROARS publication deadlines were also given to each chair by Ms. Euell-Taylor.

Council Liaison Report

Mayor Welsch noted the formation of a citizens volunteer group of artists (Citizens Corp) and also reminded commissioners of Create Space in the Loop (www.createspacestl.com) which opened December 6. She pointed commission towards a new Public Art Challenge at <http://publicartchallenge.bloomberg.org/>

Committee Reports

Community Visuals: Mr. Burr reported on the meeting with the committee, Mrs. Henderson, and the new director of the College and Graduate School of Art at Washington University's Sam Fox School, Heather Corcoran. The future of the collaboration was discussed, along with the beginning of work toward a 30th anniversary celebration of the project for 2016.

He also reminded the December 9 meeting of Arts & Letters would consist of Professor Buzz Spector presenting the art he had gathered for the 2015 Gallery presentation for Community Visuals, followed by the final proposals from the sculpture students. At Professor Noah Kirby's request up to three of the projects would be chosen for funding. The meeting would begin at 6 p.m. in Centennial Commons. A sign-up sheet was passed around, asking for set up and cleanup assistance for this special meeting, as well as desserts.

Literary: Ms. Sullivan reported on the successes of the first Lit in the Lou festival and about the presentation of the awards at the opening reception. On behalf of the St. Louis Literary Consortium she thanked the commission for their support. She also read complimentary messages from many of the authors who attended the festival.

Photo Show: Ms. Romero said they were working on letters requesting sponsorship for the 2015 show, and hoped to get them out in December. Press would be written for the next ROARS and the commission's website on the reception date of April 19 in Centennial Commons and the gallery dates in April at the Green Center and Royal Bank. They will accept entries for the 2015 show between March 28 and April 3. A reminder release would also be written for the following issue of ROARS.

Starlight Concert: Ms. Henderson said all but two bands have been signed.

Old Business

By-Laws: These have been completed, reported Ms. Henderson. They are working at scheduling time with Ms. Andrea Riganti before proceeding to the next step.

New Business

Executive Committee Election: Ms. Watts presented the slate of candidates for the executive committee in 2015.

President, Melcine Henderson

Vice President, Garrie Burr

Treasurer, Winnie Sullivan

Secretary, Barbara Santoro

Ms. Romero made a motion to accept the slate. Mr. Smotherson seconded. Vote taken, all approved.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.