



Minutes

Arts Commission

Tuesday

January 31, 2023

6:00 PM

Called the meeting to order: 6:01 PM

Present: Angela DeBernardo, Gregory Hill, Mary Ann Ponce, Pam Spremulli, Rebecca Gruss (Valley Art Center), Julie Polsinelli (Valley Art Center), Cory Markowitz (Chagrin Valley Little Theatre), Ruth Zeager (Historical Society), Ian Cooper (Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society)

October, 2022 meeting notes were approved by the appointed committee members.

Art News (note: all detailed upcoming events can be found on each organization's websites):

Chagrin Arts: (not present)

<https://www.chagrinarts.org/>

CVLT:

- Crowds have been on the upswing - People are enjoying the theatre!
- "Elf" performed to SOLD OUT shows! "Robinhood" had almost full house!
- March 17 - April 15 - "Something Rotten" (see website)
- Presently reviewing play selections for new season.
- Volunteer Recruitment is in full swing - suggested reaching out to High Schools
- March 26th - Volunteer Appreciation event
- April 29th - Spring Fundraiser -casino themed **Angie will be wearing her black tie attire 😊**
- August 12th/13th - Shakespeare in Triangle Park! "A Midsummer Night's Dream" partnering with Andrews Osbourne for second year.

<https://cvlt.org/>

CF Historical Society:

- February 22, - 6:00pm- "Houses on the Move!" evening program
- March 10 - "Milltown High Fashion" exhibit opens
- April 1st - "Fire and Safety" program - family friendly program with local fire and police to present.
- "Home Tour" - almost have all homes confirmed for event on June 3rd.
- Working on finalizing plans for Blacksmith Barn. Hope to have enough room to store (potential donation) of old firetruck! Will also house old police car and be a hub for educational interactive displays.
- DONATE to clean the Henry Church Rock. Fundraising is presently online.

<https://www.chagrinhistorical.org/>

CCPL Chagrin Branch: (not present)

<https://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Branches/Chagrin-Falls.aspx>

CDFD:

- February 19th - "Trivia Night" at Township Hall! 13 years of CDFD trivia and fun facts.
- Film submissions opened in December - BUSY! People watching films as I type.

- Renovations start in July for the street level space of CDFD official home on Franklin St. Exciting news to come on how the space will be utilized. Hope to be fully functioning in time for 2023 festival!

[Chagrin Documentary Film Festival](#)

VAC:

- Student/Faculty Show and "Digital Discourse" going on NOW!
- February 10th - Master Panel on Digital and AI - predict standing room only!
- Hot Chocolate Fundraiser is off to a great start! It ends February 28th so buy your raffle tickets now! So many great items!
- ABF call to entry closes February 15th
- Emerging Artists call to entry is open! 2nd annual show!
- *Proposed to Arts Commission a public art display to commence on World Art Day, April 15th, and close on Earth Day, April 22nd (1 week display). Featuring Artist Ron Sheldon. Focus on bringing the community together to help form a beautiful sculpture within Riverside Park using unsustainable plastics. A March workshop at the VAC will feature creating embellishments for the sculpture from reusable materials (collection will take place) and also cover environmental concerns of plastics.*

Commission unanimously approved to recommend proposal to the Village Council.

[Art Classes and Galleries in the Chagrin Valley | Valley Art Center](#)

Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra: (not present)

<https://thecfso.com>

The Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society:

- Received some awesome press in the Geauga Times on 12/8. Working on funding for solar panels and getting more exposure to the general public.
- The Comet is out! Winter months are perfect for viewing.
- Crooked Pecker fundraiser was a success and offered more exposure to organization - great beer too! (They should name a beer after your organization!)

General Discussion/Community:

- A new plaque is hanging in Village Hall featuring the Arts Commission/Village Council CFHS Art winners! It features a lighted display space for the winning Artist's work and individual name plaques to add on each year. It is wonderful - thank you Angie for spearheading this.
- I am working on contacting our 2022 winning Artist to get a copy of Artwork. 2023 Art Show is in April.
- The village will now be sending out an e-newsletter. Gregg has offered to use our minutes to pull out interesting Art events and submit to Kristy.
- Angie is checking to see if our meeting minutes can be approved via email.
- Discussion about having a common template for our Arts organizations to feature upcoming event(s) and share in a designated spaces within each Arts organization. Cory from CVLT offered to put together a one page poster template to share. It will help us all stay connected by including this when producing printed marketing materials.

Next meeting March 28th 6:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM