

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
ST. CLAIR SHORES CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

**Council Chambers
Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

PRESENT:

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| Chairperson: | Cindy Gardner |
| Vice Chairperson: | Amy Lockard |
| Secretary: | Carla LaGodna |
| Treasurer: | Eileen Sullivan |
| Members: | Madeleine Bialecki |
| Alternate: | James Daniska |
| Library Director: | Rosemary Orlando |

EXCUSED:

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| Council Liaison: | Candice B. Rusie |
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AUDIENCE:

Dawn Sketch

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Gardner named Bialecki as acting secretary.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Gardner asked that the Election of Officers be moved to agenda item VI. Old Business.

It was moved by Lockard, supported by Sullivan, to adopt the agenda, as amended by Gardner, and to move the Election of Officers to Old Business.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Gardner, LaGodna, Lockard, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by LaGodna, supported by Lockard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11, 2020.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Gardner, LaGodna, Lockard, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Sullivan reported two expenditures: Selwa for reimbursed for fliers for \$15.90 and Detroit Writer's Guild for the Literary Walk by the Lake sponsorship of \$300.00.

Sullivan reported an account balance as of \$3,125. 68, as of July 21, 2020.

It was moved by Lockard, supported by Bialecki, to receive and file the financial report.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Gardner, LaGodna, Lockard, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of 2020 Cultural Committee Proposed Events

Gardner distributed a copy of the March 11, 2020, Cultural Committee agenda showing all of the events that were being planned before the pandemic.

B. Cultural Committee Officer's Responsibilities

Gardner distributed a list of the responsibilities of the Cultural Committee officers. A discussion followed and Lockard stated that she would be willing to serve as Chairperson of the Committee, but her concern was that she could not attend events during the day because of her work schedule. Gardner stated that attending the events is not a requirement of the Chairperson. Orlando suggested that when an event is planned the person taking the lead on the event should be expected to be on that trip.

C. Election of Officers

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Bialecki, supported by Sullivan to accept the slate of officers by acclamation of Amy Lockard as Chairperson, Eileen Sullivan as Treasurer, Madeline Bialecki as Secretary. The Vice Chairperson position will remain vacant at this time.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Gardner, LaGodna, Lockard, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

D. Social Media Responsibilities

Lockard stated that someone is needed to take over the website and the Facebook page. Lockard stated that for the time being, she will continue to maintain the e-mail list, the Facebook page, and the website. Gardner will continue making flyers for events. Orlando suggested that the

person planning the event might be responsible for creating and distributing the flyers.

VII. New Business

A. Future Events During the Quarantine

Gardner suggested the Committee revisit the photo contest that was discussed last year. The Committee was going to model their contest after the City of Eastpointe. Lockard said they will need to contact Eastpointe for their guidelines, set a deadline and create a flyer. The Committee discussed resident Robert Stark, who takes wonderful pictures by drone and posts them to the City's Facebook page. There could be several categories for people to submit their work and an entry fee could be charged.

The Committee discussed Zoom programs from the Detroit Institute of Arts. Bialecki said that she would contact the DIA to set up a program. After discussion, it was moved by Gardner, supported by Sullivan, to host a Zoom program from the Detroit Institute of Arts on Monday, May 24, 2021.

Gardner stated that she would contact the Kiwanis to see if they are still hosting the Chamber Music Concerts at Wahby Park.

A discussion took place regarding virtual programs at the Library and if the Cultural Committee would link them to their Facebook page.

B. Future Programming

Committee will discuss future programming at an upcoming meeting.

C. Shorewood Kiwanis Harper Cruise

Gardner reported that she was contacted by Rosanne Minne, from the Shorewood Kiwanis, who stated that the Harper Cruise was going to take place this year. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Gardner seconded by Sullivan, not to participate in the Harper Cruise in 2021.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Gardner, LaGodna, Lockard, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

D. Literary Walk by the Lake

Orlando stated that the third annual Literary Walk by the Lake is being planned for Saturday, June 26, at the Blossom Heath Park. She stated that in the past the Detroit Writer's Guild, the Library and the Cultural Committee have helped to sponsor the event. St. Clair Shores Poet Laureate and organizer of the Literary Walk M.L. Liebler asked if the TIFA board would assist in donating funds for the event. A letter was sent to the TIFA board, which will meet on Tuesday, April 22, 2021, to discuss this request. Orlando stated that even though last year's event was via Zoom, over 125 viewers attended the virtual event. After discussion, it was moved by Bialecki, supported by Gardner, to support and co-sponsor the event at the \$300.00 donation level.

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Nays: None
Motion Carried.

E. Cultural Committee Bylaws

Gardner stated that currently the Committee is made up of nine members and one alternate and a quorum of five is required. Gardner is concerned that a quorum may be difficult to reach. She proposed changing the bylaws to lower the number of people on the board and to have more alternates. Daniska stated that since he had been an alternate, he does not recall having to cancel a meeting because a quorum was not present. Gardner stated that she spoke with Council member Rusie and Rusie asked if she should send the Committee's request to the Sub-committee for Boards and Commissions for discussion. Lockard suggested that the Committee try and recruit more members before making a change. The Committee agreed and this will be revisited in November.

VIII. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Daniska asked that the Lighthouse be removed from his garage. The lighthouse did receive a new base, but still needs restoration work. The City originally brought the lighthouse to the Daniska household so that the Committee could repair the damage. It was decided to table this topic and discuss it at a future meeting.

IX. AUDIENCE

Sketch asked about the fundraising events of the Committee. Gardner gave a brief overview of the fundraising events and stated that there were no fundraising events prior to her appointment to the Committee. Daniska stated that in the past, several Christmas markets and craft shows, were fundraising events. Sketch stated that she attended several of the Detroit Institute of Arts Programs at the Library and asked if a donation jar can be put out. Sullivan stated that on trips and events, not held at the Library, a donation jar was put out and very little money was collected. Orlando stated that programs at the Library have always been free. If a jar were to be put out for donations, all organizations would be able to do so. This is a matter that would have to be discussed and voted upon by the Library Board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by LaGodna, supported by Daniska, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Gardner, LaGodna, Lockard, Sullivan
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Madeline Bialecki, Secretary