

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2015**

**Present:** Joyce Kellogg, Jani Eichelkraut, Peggy Schneider, Michael Dougherty, Alaina Rivers, Jim Reilly, and Nancy Stisser.

**Absent:** Don Gillette, Phyllis Revell, and Wayne Eichelkraut.

**Request for Funds**

Illinois Valley Quilt Guild, represented by show chairman Vickie Alsene and past chair Shelly Serby, requested funds for its bi-annual quilt show July 16-17, 2016, at Festivities Unlimited. The venue marks a move from the Knights of Columbus, which the show has outgrown. Proceeds from the show, which charges admission, fund two years worth of activities for the guild, which often raffles handmade quilts to support charities. The show draws 400-600 people and usually includes a special speaker or event. Organizers are attempting to secure a special line of custom-designed fabric to launch a design contest. A quilt display at the Reddick Mansion will coincide that weekend. SEC has in the past allocated funds toward facility rental.

**Action:** Jani moved, and Michael seconded, that SEC allocate \$900 toward hall rental. The funds could be paid out of the next FY budget, but the group will be asked whether it needs a portion of the money now to lock down the hall rental. All approved.

**Minutes**

The September minutes were read and amended to include the monthly balance and to clarify that the cost of the Festival of Lights parade named by Alaina is for the entire parade, floats and performers included. The minutes were approved on a motion by Jim and second by Alaina.

**Financial Report**

The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Jani and second by Michael. The balance remains \$24,985.

**New Business:**

**Election of officers**

Joyce asked to be relieved as president because she will be unavailable for the next six months. Jim, Jani, and Peggy declined the office, and Michael will serve as interim president for the next few months if a meeting is called. No long-term decision was made.

**Festival of Lights 2015**

Alaina reported she'd contracted with float companies and performers. She will keep the committee posted by email of progress since the committee will not meet in November.

**Ice Odyssey**

Nancy reported that some changes will be made from past years. Ice carving demonstrations will not be offered so money that normally went to those can be used for the sculptures. Cost of the sculptures has increased. Sponsorships will still be sought from merchants for sculptures. An indoor farmers market and a Reindeer Run will take

place the same day. The event will be Dec. 12, later than last year's which was scheduled on the weekend of the FOL parade and proved too difficult for such a busy weekend. SEC has allocated \$3,500. The Ottawa Downtown Merchants also participates in the event. Nancy added that platforms on which the sculptures rest have deteriorated over the years and new ones are needed. Michael offered to build them.

**Old Business:**

**Recruiting members:**

Joyce said Mayor Eschbach might have suggestions from people who have approached him about volunteering for the city. The committee is waiting to hear back from his office.

**Music in the Park:**

The concert series slate was approved on a motion by Jim and second by Alaina. Peggy cast a no vote, saying she had hoped for a greater variety in the lineup, which is much the same as last year.

The schedule is as follows: July 2 (Patriotic Night), Downtowners; July 9 (Gospel Night), The Kramers; July 16, Incognitos; July 24, Talk of the Town; July 30, Generics (Goodies Band); August 13, Original Rockin' Fenderskirts; Aug. 20, Mary Pfeifer & the Troublemakers; Aug. 27, Eddie Korosa Jr. and his Boys from Illinois polka band. Peggy was directed to pass the schedule to the Ottawa Visitors Center, the county tourism organization and the regional Heritage Corridor Convention & Visitors Bureau.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on a motion by Michael and second by Alaina. The committee is not scheduled to meet again until February 2016, at which time it is scheduled to discuss hosting a movie for children during Easter break.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.