

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE  
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, July 14, 2025

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Council Chambers at the Gurnee Village Hall located at  
325 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee, IL

**1. Call to Order**

**A** Matt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**B In Attendance:** Matt Trujillo, Beth Keslinke, Lynn Granstrom, Kirsten Saunders, Amy Kostadinov, April Colette, Angela Baldwin, Jay Stuckwisch, Roger Eaton, Randy Blaser, Lei Mangaran, Fiona Tranter, Manny Aguero

**C Absent:** Jason Wilbur Ron Arden, Selene Cortes, Janelle Rominski, David Narens, Sage Ramirez

**D In Audience:** Jeanne Zemaitis, Amanda Kochenash

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment**

**A** There was no public comment.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

**A June 9, 2025**

- Randy made a motion to approve the minutes, and Roger seconded the motion.
- There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The minutes were approved.

**5. Discussion Items**

**A Art related program announcements**

- Beth noted that in October or November there will be a Arts Career Fair at the High School. More information to come at future meetings.
- Fiona mentioned a community quilt program run by Loopy Connections where they build and donate quilts. There are two upcoming events where they will be making them in August.
- Randy mentioned that there are free folk concerts on Sundays at 6pm at the Historical Society in Grayslake.
- Kirsten reminded the group that the Lore of the Local hosted by the Mundelein Arts Commission is accepting Artists. The deadline is July 15.
- Chuck Ruckstaes talked about the Lake County Concerts that he is apart of planning.

**6. New Business**

**A Mission Statement and Core Values Review**

- The Group reviewed the Mission Statement options and selected Mission Statement Option #2 with the following amendments: instead of experiences, we will add

“expression and opportunities”

- Beth made a motion to move forward with the following mission statement: *Develops the arts as an essential and integral part of community life by engaging residents in artistic expression and opportunities that cultivate a sense of belonging and enhance public spaces.*
- Randy Seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

#### **B Gurnee Days**

- Matt and Beth talked about the Kid Zone booth that the Gurnee Arts Commission will have at Gurnee Days. There will be a spin art craft table for the kids. Additionally, we will have a form to accept new ideas for mural location ideas. This will help give us guidance on future art projects.
- The group discussed opportunities to decorate the float.
- There will be a pizza and painting event to decorate artwork for the float at Warren Township High School.
- Additionally, the arts commission will be invited to walk with the Village of Gurnee in the parade.
- Matt will be sending out volunteer signup sheets and further details on how to participate at Gurnee Days on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10.

#### **C Next Steps for appointing voting members**

- Voting members will be appointed at the board meeting on October 6. September 15 will be the last meeting without voting members.
- The meeting in October will have the voting members and after that we will form sub-committees.

### **7. Next Meeting**

- A** September 15, October 13, November 10, December 8
- There is no meeting in August.
  - Meetings will continue at 6pm on Mondays.

### **8. Public Comment**

- A** There was no public comment.

### **9. Adjournment**

- A** Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kirsten seconded. There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

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