

VILLAGE OF GURNEE
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, September 15, 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, April Colette, Angela Baldwin, Jay Stuckwisch, Roger Eaton, Randy Blaser, Lei Mangaran, Fiona Tranter, Janelle Rominski, Ron Arden
- C** Absent: Amy Kostadinov, Jason Wilbur, Manny Aguero, Selene Cortes, David Narens, Sage Ramirez

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

- A** There was no public comment.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

- A** July 14, 2025
 - There was a change needed under the Gurnee Days Section. Roger mentioned removing a repeated word. Janelle mentioned separating the lines for the Gurnee Days float decorating. Roger asked about wording shared on the minutes mentioning that we are “moving forward” with the mission statement. Matt replied that it will be solidified once we have the voting members.
 - Beth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Randy seconded the motion. The group approved the minutes with the amendments.

5. Discussion Items

A Art related program announcements

- WTHS Fine Arts Career Expo: Beth explained this event and let the group know that she is seeking professionals in art related fields to have booths at her event. It will be on Friday, October 24, 2025. They would interact with the students and share information about their careers. People can sign up through the link shared with the group.
- Ron mentioned the potential of starting a 250th anniversary event of the United States. More details to come.
- Lynn mentioned that there is a competition run by the Lake County Clerk's office to create the next “I voted sticker”. We will share this information with the full group.

6. New Business

A Gurnee Days recap

- The Gurnee Arts Commission hosted a pizza and painting event to create artwork for the Gurnee Days Float. The group also participated in Gurnee Days with a spin art craft

in the KidZone. It was mentioned that this stage could be used for events.

- Lynn gave an update that the artwork has not been set up at the library yet, but it will be soon. After the library, it will be displayed at Warren Township.

B Sub-Committee Ideas

- Matt shared some proposed sub-committee examples to the group which included: Public Art, Public Relations, Performing Arts, and Programs & Events. These would be groups of 3 that would work outside of the group.
- Roger brought up the idea of a sub-committee to oversee the structure of the group. It was discussed that the co-chairs will be the ones helping with that.
- Ron Arden mentioned planning some programming on the stage at the North End of Gurnee Mills.
- April asked about the difference between Performing Arts and Programs & Events. Larger special events would be under programs & events. Performing arts would be like concerts and performance type events.
- April also suggested a sub-committee that would focus on fundraising and grant writing. The group agreed. Education was also mentioned to see if this could fit into one of the current sub-committees.

C Public Art Ideas

- Matt mentioned to the group to start thinking about public art ideas. The group talked about how to get mural ideas and put out advertising to promote Gurnee Arts Commission events. Matt mentioned that we'd be able to use the Keeping Posted Newsletter to put out events.
- It was mentioned to do a networking event with the Mayor possibly.

7. Next Arts Commission Meetings

A October 13, November 10, December 8

8. Public Comment

A There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

A Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Randy seconded. There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

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