

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE  
GURNEE ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, December 8, 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 and Roll Call**

- A** Matt called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
- B** In Attendance: Matt Trujillo, Lynn Granstrom, Kirsten Saunders, April Colette (arrived later), Angela Baldwin, Roger Eaton, Jay Stuckwisch, Fiona Tranter, Lei Mangaran, Janelle Rominski
- C** Absent: Beth Keslinke, Randy Blaser, Ron Arden,

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment**

- A** There was no public comment.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

- A** **November 10, 2025**
  - Roger made a motion to approve the minutes, and Fiona seconded the motion.
  - There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The minutes were approved.

**5. Discussion Items**

- A** **Art related program announcements**
  - Janelle Rominski mentioned a paint and sip event that she is hosting in December. Fiona talked about the Art Wauk event happening in Waukegan. It was shared that Pips Meadery is looking to do more arts related events this summer. Matt talked about the Holiday Train event in Gurnee.

**6. New Business**

- A** **Signature Event**
  - Matt talked about the Gurnee Get-Together event using the same name for this year, but the event can welcome new Art programming. If the Arts Commission wants to do a signature event separate from this event, that is welcomed as well.
  - April added that being involved in smaller events in the community is good but ultimately having a signature event that is the Arts Commission's event and helps build the group's identity.
  - The group discussed the possibilities of a Gurnee Signature event and what that might look like. Having it in the summer was talked about, but ultimately the group liked the idea of having something indoors, so the event does not have to worry about weather.

- The group talked about next steps for creating the Gurnee Arts Commission's Signature event and other initiatives.
- **Public Art** (Beth, Kirsten, Lei)
  - Research art project for Gurnee Get-Togethers, mosaic bench
  - Research potential mural at the parks
- **Public Relations** (Lynn, Janelle, Randy)
  - Lynn to send out Logo contest ideas. To be voted on at January meeting.
  - Create a logo Gurnee Get-Together
  - Lynn is sending contact event locations to programs & events group.
- **Performing Arts** (April, Angela, Ron)
  - Types of performances we want to do this year
  - Build off the "Art of Connection" theme
- **Programs & Events** (Roger, Jay, Fiona, Matt)
  - Research locations in of Signature Event in ARTober. (How many people, alcohol, dates available, cost, parking)
  - Researching dates/times for Signature Event in ARTober. (Bring options to the next meeting)
  - Researching art projects to bring for outreach at events in 2026.

#### **B Mission Statement Voting**

- The three mission statements were reviewed and voted on by the group. Option #3 was selected by the group after a majority vote of 5 votes to 4 votes for Option #2.
  - Option #3 – Champions the arts as a core element of community life—bringing people together, energizing public spaces, and inspiring creative expression across every artistic discipline.
- Kirsten made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Lei seconded. There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions.

#### **C Logo Contest**

- Lynn discussed a logo contest. She offered her help to create a logo from a sketch if anyone has an idea. Lynn will send out more information about creating a logo.

### **7. Next Arts Commission Meetings**

#### **A January 12, February 9, March 9**

- Matt mentioned that all 2026 meeting dates are on the Gurnee Arts Commission Webpage.

## **8. Public Comment**

**A** There was no public comment.

## **9. Adjournment**

**A** Janelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Roger seconded. There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

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