

## MINUTES

### Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission

Special Meeting

Monday, December 30, 2024

Page Memorial Building

Lake Odessa, Michigan

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Hermes called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.  
Present: Karen Banks, Melanie Baker, Meg Hermes, Ty Nurenberg, Aurora Rice  
Absent: None  
Visitors: Elizabeth Stoneman  
Staff: None
2. **Holiday Decorating Contest:** Contest results were reviewed (see attached).
3. **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Hermes, support by Rice to approve the following invoices:

| Payee                       | Description   | Amount        |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|
| Karen Banks                 | 1 month subscription to Survey Monkey (for Holiday Decorating Contest voting)                   | 99.00         |
| Karen Banks                 | 4 window signs for businesses (Holiday Decorating Contest)                                      | 15.24         |
| Kathie Scofield             | First Place Home (Holiday Decorating Contest)   | 250.00        |
| Parker Brighton             | Second Place Home (Holiday Decorating Contest)  | 100.00        |
| Michelle Sanchez            | Third Place Home (Holiday Decorating Contest)   | 50.00         |
| Olive + Oak Hair Lounge     | First Place Business (Holiday Decorating Contest)   | 100.00        |
| First Congregational Church | Second Place Business (Holiday Decorating Contest)  | 50.00         |
| Cargill, Inc.               | First Place Parade Entry (Christmas in Village Parade)  | 150.00        |
| Meijer*                     | Second Place Parade Entry (Christmas in Village Parade)   | 100.00        |
| Reclending                  | Third Place Parade Entry (Christmas in Village Parade)  | 50.00         |
| View Newspaper Group        | 1/4-pg. color display ad - 12/14/2024 edition of Hastings Reminder (Holiday Decorating Contest) | <u>252.00</u> |
| TOTAL:                      |   | 1,216.24      |

\*At request of Meijer, prize award was given to Manna's Market.

All ayes; motion carried.

4. **Shakespeare Performance:** Banks shared with board members an email from a Nathan Savinsky, inquiring re: bringing a touring group to Lake Odessa for an outdoor performance of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest." Banks will contact him for more information.
  
5. **2025 Art in the Park:**
  - a. **Entertainment:** Baker reported she has made contact with Joe LaJoye from Hastings. Board members listened to an audio recording of his group performing. LaJoye quoted a price of \$400 for four people for one hour, and an additional \$100 to add a sax player. Their group would prefer a morning time slot. Motion by Banks, support by Hermes, to approve \$500 payable to Joe LaJoye for a one-hour performance at the 2025 Art in the Park. All ayes; motion carried.
  
  - b. **Volunteers:** Rice reported she had made contact with the high school wrestling coach, and he is very interested in his team members working at Art in the Park at a rate of \$10 per hour per person (or at a lower rate depending on budget constraints). Nurenberg stated the Band Boosters would also be interested. A spreadsheet with time slots needs to be created to determine needs.
  
6. **Board Vacancies:** Baker reported that the Lakewood middle school art teacher and her husband are both interested in serving as board members.
  
7. **Adjournment:** Motion by Banks, support by Baker, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Banks, Secretary/Treasurer