

# **Columbia City Arts Commission Meeting Minutes**

April 2, 2024

## **I. Call to order**

Commission Chair Romano called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia City Arts Commission (CCAC) at 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in the Common Council Chambers of Columbia City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana.

## **II. Roll call**

The following people were present: Doug Egolf (member), Greg Hockemeyer (member), Kay Fleck (member), April Frazier, *by phone* (member), Becky Walter (member), Mike Thomas (member), Jennifer Romano (member), and Shannon Roberts (guest).

## **III. Approval of minutes from the last meeting**

Kay Fleck moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 5, 2024, as presented, seconded by Doug Egolf, and approved by voice vote.

## **IV. Open issues**

- Underserved Youth Project –
  - Kay Fleck confirmed the submission of the Indiana Arts Council grant application for the 2025 event.
  - Kay Fleck submitted a proposed budget for the June 2024 event, estimating total costs of \$1385. Greg Hockemeyer moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1500 to cover expenses for the event, seconded by Mike Thomas and passed by voice vote.
- Historical Museum Collaboration – Nothing new
- Third Thursdays—The members expressed interest in promoting an alternate Sunday event. The concept of taking over the administration of the Thursday events failed for lack of an affirmative motion and was removed from the table with the tacit consent of the members.
- First Fridays – Space is reserved for the May 3, 2024, season-opener. Jennifer Romano will prepare some Artists Studio Tour information for distribution at the event, set-up for which begins at 5:00 pm – not before.
- Taste of the Arts—The event will be held on the City Hall Patio at the northwest corner of Chauncey and Market Streets from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, as part of the City’s Summer in the City.
- Commission Retreat—A retreat to review the Commission’s mission and goals is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at 526 E Jefferson Street, Columbia City.
- Artists Studio Tour – Jennifer Romano will also prepare “save the date” postcards to remind artists of the September 7, 2024, event.
- Street Art – Doug Egolf reported that stencil artist Zak Nogood requests \$300 for supplies and a stipend to complete a curb painter of Actor Dean Jagger. Greg

Hockemeyer moved to authorize the \$300 expenditure, seconded by Kay Fleck and passed by voice vote.

**V. New business**

- Shannon Roberts introduced herself as Creative Café's owner, now located at 106 N Walnut Street, Columbia City.
- Becky Walter suggested the Commission consider a fiber art event.
- Doug Egolf suggested the Commission consider a "Money for Nothing" style event where participants upscale or create found art pieces.
- Mike Thomas suggested the Commission consider developing a highly visible project for the year.
- Becky Walter distributed flyers for the Whitley Arts Partnership Summer Theater Camp.


**VI. Adjournment**

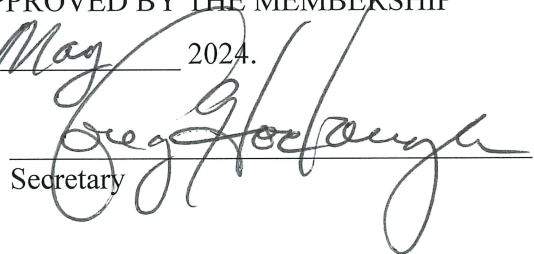
Becky Walter moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike Thomas, and passed by voice vote at 5:44 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: MAY 7, 2024, @ 5:00 P.M.**

APRIL 2, 2024, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 2024.

  
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Presiding Officer

  
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Secretary

Budget for SPARK-a taste of the arts		
Teacher stipend	\$300	
High School Assistants	360	
Transportation	180	
Special Ed	200	
Supplies	200	
Facility Rental	100	
Background Checks	45	
Printing		
	\$1,385	

Families with **two or more students** may register for \$70 per student prior to May 15th or \$80 per student after May 15th. Please fill out a separate registration form for each child but mail them all along with your check in one envelope.

**Single registrations** are \$85 prior to May 15th and \$95 after May 15th.

To register, fill out the form below and return it with your registration fee to:

Whitley Arts Partnership  
604 Hurstland Ct.  
Columbia City, IN 46725

Checks should be made payable to **Community Foundation of Whitley County**. Reference "Summer Theater Camp" in the memo line.

**Early Registration Deadline: May 15th**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade just completed: \_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: Child \_\_\_\_\_ or Adult \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a check for the registration fee.

I prefer confirmation contact via:

\_\_\_\_ text \_\_\_\_ email

My child will need transportation to and from the YMCA for camp week. \_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Theater Camp Tips to Remember

- The YMCA can provide before and after camp child care for a reasonable daily fee with transportation provided. For more info on child care, contact the YMCA @ 244-9622.
- Theater camp is 9 until 3:30. You will need to provide a sack lunch for your child.
- For safety reasons, please be sure your child has been checked in when you drop them off in the morning and wait for them to be checked out when picking up in the afternoon.
- Your child will receive a CD or playlist link and practice script shortly after registration. They should prepare for camp by learning the songs and the basic outline of the script prior to that first day.
- A student health form and permission to publish form will come with their initial packet. Please fill these out and have them ready for the first day of camp.

***\*SPECIAL NOTE THIS YEAR: Due to the scheduling of CCHS Graduation Ceremonies the performance this year will be on Saturday, the 15th with a half day of camp on Friday the 14th.\****

## WHITLEY ARTS PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS



# SUMMER THEATER CAMP 2024

**Columbia City High  
School**

Elf Jr., The Musical  
Grades 2 - 8  
June 10th- 15th\*, 2024



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This week long camp is designed to give children an authentic musical theater experience in a fun and exciting format. Kids will be introduced to the processes involved in musical theater, build creative dramatic skills and be involved in multiple aspects of the production arts. At the end of the week, students will perform their show for family and friends at 7:00 Friday evening.

## Elf Jr. the Musical June 10th - 15th

- Full length two act production of the musical version of Elf, the Musical Jr.
- Open to students who have just completed grades two through eight.
- Meets at Columbia City High School daily from 9 a.m until 3:30 p.m.
- \*\*\*\*Performance, Saturday June 15th at 7 p.m. \*\*\*\*
- Pre-casting auditions for grades 5 through 8 will happen prior to the first day of camp. Parents will be notified via text or email of audition days and times. These are only for students who would like a larger role. If they prefer just to be in the ensemble, auditions are not required.
- Students in 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade will be in the ensemble as they learn about theater arts and become eligible for the larger roles once they reach 5th grade.
  - Cost to attend the camp is \$70-\$95\* (see note on the next page) which includes production materials, light snacks and a cast T-shirt.
- Script booklets will be collected at the end of camp. There is an additional \$10 charge if a student wants to keep their script book.



### \*Early Bird Discount!

Registrations postmarked by May 15th will receive the reduced rate of \$85 for a single student or \$70 per student for **multiple family member** (2 or more) enrollment.

Registrations postmarked after May 15th will need to pay the higher rate of \$95 for a single student or \$80 per student for **multiple family members**.

