

**IMODS
MINUTES OF 07/15/2008**

DIRECTORS MEETING

President Miles convened the Directors meeting at 6:35 PM. All Directors save Peter Nicholas, John Haben and Kathy Skobel were present. Tom Thompson and other guests were present.

The Backlot Bash will be held in downtown Skokie on August 22-24. A web site has been established – backlotbash.com.

The Skokie Theater Foundation will open the theater during the BLB as several sponsors have been found to defray expenses. To date, they are: Bill Novello, Irmo Insurance, Village Inn, Janice Cook, Bill Schmidt, Al Curtis, Scott Holtz, Peter Nicholas and Mike who wishes to remain anonymous. Silent movies will be presented during the hours of 7 to 10 PM on Friday, 3 to 8 PM on Saturday and 1 to 5 on Sunday. Volunteer ushers are needed. IMODS volunteers can sign up using the web page noted above or contact Scott Holtz.

President Miles reported on the meeting of the Skokie Art Advisory Board. There is approximately \$70,000.00 in the account. The Board is focusing on sculpture. The first purchase will be for a downtown site.

President Miles brought a brochure that was created for “Cruise Night” which will be held on July 16th, August 20th and September 17th from 6 PM to 9 PM. Barry Edwards will DJ and has become a sponsor of the event as he is donating his services. There are now four sponsors: McCarthy Duffy LLP, RCN, Irmo Insurance and DJ Barry Edwards. Location for each of the shows will be the Village parking lot immediately west of Village Hall. The first event was well attended. In addition to the foregoing dates, the antique cars will be present on Saturday during the Bash and motorcycles on Sunday. Scott Holtz has created links to the sponsor’s websites from the Bash website.

There is an all-class Niles West High School Reunion which will take place on October 4, 2008 in honor of the school’s 50th Anniversary. The Buckingham’s will play and this event is a fundraiser. The cost will be \$75.00 per ticket.

The Antique Road Show will be sponsored by the Skokie Park District and IMODS on October 11, 2008 from 2 PM to 4PM. IMODS paid \$250.00 for the appraiser. A \$5.00 admission fee will be donated to the Foyteck Memorial Fund.

Sonya Baysinger reported on the activities of the Arts and Entertainment Committee. The Mike Baur show, which opened up in her Gallery on May 16th, will close on July 31st. The Village Board approved placement of some of Baur’s works on the parcel of property immediately north of the vacant golf store across from the gallery.

Nothing new on Salon d'Arte.

The Desiree windows were painted and are installed.

The North Branch Gallery in Skokie, Illinois will host the first art show of work done by the emerging adults from Yellowbrick's treatment program. The opening reception is Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 6-9 PM and the show will be up through August 30, 2008. Gallery hours are 11:00 AM- 5:00 PM Thursday, Friday and Saturdays.

There was not much response to the Skokie Art Forum meeting scheduled for June 24^h at the Skokie Public Library. The Arts Committee will set this aside for awhile. Lastly, she reported on the Yellow Brick patient art show to be held on August 9th.

Al Curtis reported on the shows to be presented at the Skokie Theater. He commented favorably on the Judy and Kathy Show (WGN Radio) which was radiocast from the Theater on Friday, July 11th. He also reported on the shows to be presented at the Backlot Bash.

Scott Holtz reported on the website's numbers for June. He demonstrated the new car show website (www.cruisethebacklot.com).

No update on the Zoning Commission as Peter Nicholas was absent.

No update on Brochure and Marketing update as Kathy Skobel was absent.

William Novello presented the Treasurer's report. Witry moved its approval which was seconded by Haben. Motion passed in a voice vote.

The minutes of the June 21st meeting were passed out electronically. Motion to approve made by Miles and seconded by Witry. Motion passed in a voice vote.

Tom Thompson from the Village of Skokie was present and reported on the Skokie Swift Oakton Street station. The look will probably be a more modern look as opposed to an old style look exemplified by the newer Metra stations. The condemnation suits for the property on Searle Pkwy and Skokie Blvd continue.

He reported that the Village had undertaken an ad campaign on WBBM radio. This is part of a direct marketing undertaking by the Village. Incentives for relocating in downtown have been approved. For example, relaxed parking requirements. The Skokie Public Library is seeking rezoning and alley vacation for the last single family home lot on Park Avenue which it purchased. The home will be razed for purposes of parking.

Next meeting date will be September as the August meeting is cancelled due to the Backlot Bash and Car show. The meeting will be at the Skokie Public Library. Directors will meet at 6:00 PM and the general meeting will convene at 6:30 PM.

There was a discussion regarding the damage done to the Skokie Lanes Bowling Alley sign which was destroyed by the demolition team.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:25 PM which was seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard J. Witry, Secretary