

**IMODS  
MINUTES OF 03/20/2008**

**DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Miles convened the Directors meeting at 6:30 PM. All Directors save John Haben were present. New members present were Hester Decorating represented by Mike Kallas, and Peter & George Michaelides from Inprint Gallery, 4917 Oakton Street.

Certificates of Appreciation were bestowed upon departing directors Paul McGivern, Monte Rifkin (in absentia) and Jordan Hirsh.

President Miles presented the proposed musical line-up for the Back-Lot Bash. Sunday will be devoted mostly to Blues.

President Miles spoke of the Spring and Summer Programs. Howard Meyer spoke of the plans for "Cruise Night" which will be presented on 1 night per month for the summer months. He is hopeful that 60 - 80 cars will participate per event. Miles next spoke of the up-coming Assyrian Parade which will occur on March 30<sup>th</sup>. A presentation was made by Martin Youmaran of the Assyrian American National Federation. After discussion, it was determined that IMODS would not participate but that individual members would be encouraged to do so. There is an all-class Niles West High School Reunion which will take place on October 4, 2008 in honor of the school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Buckingham's will play and this event is a fundraiser. It was agreed that IMODS would have a presence at this event. The Skokie Public Library's teen job fair will occur on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, the Skokie Park District is planning for an "Antiques Road Show" type of program to be held later in the year, which IMODS would help coordinate.

Sonya Baysinger reported on the activities of the Arts and Entertainment Committee. The next show opens at Northbranch Gallery on March 21<sup>st</sup> - titled Black White & Bronze. Featuring graphite on Vellum, By Cecilia Allen and sculpture in which metal is the preferred medium, by Roger Blakley. Scott Holtz made a presentation on how the Desiree corner could look using various art forms in the windows. The next Salon d'Arte will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at Sweetie Pies on Lincoln Avenue. Guest speaker is Larry Bouche (Scuba Systems - Skokie) who has shot film footage for National Geographic and Discovery Channel. Cost will be \$25.00 per person.

The next Skokie Art Forum meeting is scheduled for June 24<sup>h</sup> at the Skokie Public Library. Lastly, she reported on the 20<sup>th</sup> year Sculpture Park anniversary. There is a fund raiser which features the purchase of a "leaf" to be attached to a tree which has been designed by local artist Joe Folise and she passed around a brochure describing the leaf, the tree and costs of participation.

Mary Bruninga reported on the Skokie Music Theater Foundation's up-coming events. There will be more diversity in events to be held at the Theater. Silent movies will again play at the Theater during the Back-Lot Bash.

Tom Thompson from the Village of Skokie reported that the CTA has capitulated on the

power tower issue and this should advance matters and further reported that the Village had entered into an agreement for the purchase of one of the two parcels at Searle & Skokie Blvd. He stated that the Illinois & Science Technology Park was approximately 36% occupied and that 8 leases are in the process of being negotiated. Lastly, he indicated that redevelopment of the property at Touhy and St. Louis continues. Starbucks, Fresh Market, an unnamed bank facility and other retailers are interested in the development.

Scott Holtz reported on the web-site and noted that February was another record month for “hits” due to “Hizzoner” appearing at the Skokie Theatre. The Newsletter was downloaded by 110 readers. He will embark on a revision of the Home Page.

Treasurer Novello had to leave early. Dick Witry presented the Treasurer’s Report which was approved by voice vote.

President Miles noted that the minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting had been circulated by email. Motion made by Kathy Skobel to approve which was seconded by Mary Bruninga. Motion to approve passed by voice vote.

Next meeting is April 22, 2008 at 6:30 P.M at Holiday Inn. Directors will meet at 6:00 PM and not 5:30 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 PM which was seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard J. Witry, Secretary