

**CITY OF SONOMA
CULTURAL & FINE ARTS COMMISSION**

**January 23, 2014
MINUTES**

Call to Order – Vice Chair Ontko called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Cravens, Kuhry, Ontko, Personette, Ransom, Sheridan, Schertz

Absent: Carlsson

Also Present: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Johann

Public Communications – Clerk Johann stated that correspondence had been received from the High School inquiring about the Commission's participation in the Senior Awards ceremony on May 19.

Minutes of the October 24, 2013 Meeting – Approved by unanimous consensus.

Student Art Award – Vice Chair Ontko Commissioners briefly discussed the ten entries that had been received. Noting that one film making entry had been received, Commissioner Sheridan stated that the Commission had previously decided to not accept that type of entry and suggested that the award announcement be changed next year to reflect that decision. It was agreed that applicant interviews would be held on Saturday February 22 - 10:00 a.m. to noon and Tuesday February 25 - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Clerk Johann would secure a location for the interviews with the Community Center being the first choice. The City Hall conference room and the Delong Room at the Library were also suggested locations. Commissioner Sheridan volunteered to set up the online scheduling program with fifteen-minute slots and five minutes in between.

Treasure Artist of the Year Reception, post event review – Clerk Johann reported the following: Approximately 159 attended the reception. Ticket sales were \$2820. Expenses: Wild Thyme Catering \$2898, Wine & Beer \$294.52, Flowers \$77.94, Plaque \$170.15. The net cost for the reception was \$620.61. Commissioner Ransom stated that the caterers had greatly reduced their price because they were friends of Treasure Artist David Aguilar. She noted that the admission price had been \$20 for many years and suggested that it be raised to \$30. Discussion ensued regarding alternative types of receptions and cost-cutting ideas. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed again prior to next year's reception. All agreed it had been a wonderful reception enjoyed by all.

Commissioner Remarks – Clerk Johann reminded Commissioners not to "reply all" on emails because doing so in most instances was a violation of the Brown Act. Commissioner Sheridan requested a budget update at the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items – February 27, 2014: Selection of the Student Art Award winner, discussion of future meeting dates, and budget update.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Johann
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk