The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Bondy at 7:04 p.m. in the Terrace Room at the Village Hall.

Commissioners present: Chairman Bruce Bondy, Liaison Cheryl Fayne-dePersio, Sharon Moyer, Ernie Halperin, Al Alvarez, Joei Shavitz, Joan MacVay, Chris Sheban, and Eileen Loftus, Christopher Laughlin, Robert Sills

Commissioners Absent: Marsha Schwartz, Jerry Block, Chris Nibeck, and Susan Wolf

Guests: Kitte Yohe, Bonnie Siegel, Madison Carroll (Library Rep.)

MINUTES:
Chairman Bondy asked Commissioners to review the December 6 and October 24, 2018 draft minutes for approval. Commissioner Loftus motioned to approve the December 6, 2018 Regular Arts Commission minutes, seconded by Commissioner Moyer. All in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Sills motioned to approve the October 24, 2018 Arts Subcommittee minutes, seconded by Commissioner Halperin. All in favor and the motion passed.

Hear from the Audience
No comments.

Financial Report
Liaison Fayne-dePersio presented the financial report for Northbrook Friends of the Arts. The balance for the bank account as of November 30, 2018 was $14,712.64.

Chairman Bondy asked for a motion to approve an advertisement for the two Plein Air artist spring workshops in the special Plein Air magazine supplement for $325. Commissioner MacVay motioned, seconded by Commissioner Halperin. All in favor and the motion passed. Chairman Bondy noted the request for name badges for the Arts Commission, specifically magnetic badges, with a budget not to exceed $250. Commissioner MacVay motioned to approve the expenditure, Commissioner Moyer seconded. All in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner MacVay will work with Liaison Fayne-dePersio to order badges.
**Plein Air Festival**

The 3rd Annual Plein Air Painting Festival will be held Sept. 26-29, with a one week exhibit the following week at the Village Green Center.

There are paintings on display at the Library (30-35 pieces) through January 15. Next, they are going to Glenview Library from January 16 until March. They are also at the Historical Society- Artisans at the Inn Shop. Commissioner Moyer noted the display at the library looks wonderful and Chairman Bondy and Commissioner Sheban thanked her for recognizing their efforts.

On January 22, at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Bondy will be presenting at the Glenview Library and Plein Air paintings will be on display. It was noted that some of the exhibits provide an opportunity to recoup a percentage of any art sold.

The Glenview Book Market Stall will feature some of the paintings, as well and eventually the Commission will host a display at Sunset Foods in April. After April, the paintings will be available for the artists to pick-up.

**Northbrook Originals**

The display will be featured from April 11 to May 30 at the Northbrook Library. The opening reception will be April 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pollak Room at the Library. Entries will be limited to 40 artists and must submit by the end of March. The applications were part of the January 2, mailing. Commissioner Moyer expressed that she would like to have other Commissioners be responsible for the refreshments at the Northbrook Originals artist reception. Commissioners Halperin and Laughlin volunteers and will order the food for the reception. A motion was made by Commissioner Halperin to approve expenditures up to $250 for the receptions, seconded by Commissioner MacVay. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Village Gallery Exhibit – Village Board Room**

Commissioner Sheban scheduled Plein Air artist Steve Puttrich to display his art in the Board Room starting Monday, January 7 through the end of February.

**Artist in Residence – Northbrook Library**

Five artists: Jane Sticker, Elaine Friedman, Joei Shavitz, John Paterson and Mark Rosenberg have been selected for January 14-February 28, 2019 show. Jerry also has artists lined-up for the June/July show.

**Artist Workshops 2019**

Guest Bonnie Siegel sent the flyers promotion for the workshops to nine art associations. There was an ad in the Plein Air Workshop supplement for February. Nancie King Mertz (March 30-31) a well-known Plein Air Artist, and Amery Bohling (June 8-9) who specializes in seascapes, will teach artist weekend workshops in Northbrook. Price $225 per class with a discounted rate of $200 each if the participant registers for both classes. A flyer promoting the events was included in the January 2, 2019 mailing.
The costs for the artists were kept down as there are two local host homes providing free accommodations.

The Commission had a discussion regarding options to have a mailing list for newsletters – Liaison Fayne-dePersio suggested using Notify Me, an email list on the Village website. Some Commissioners are using Mail Chimp to promote the events. Commissioner Loftus suggested everyone copy Liaison Fayne-dePersio on emails to get message on village server for archives.

There was a brief discussion about working with Word Press for the website and concerns about learning how to post and manage the site. Liaison Fayne-dePersio will look into training for Wordpress.

Chairman Bondy will include the workshops on Facebook and contact other arts agencies to post our events, including Chicago Plein Air painters. The Workshops are for all levels, including beginners. Guest Bonnie Siegel has been managing the workshop registration. The Commission thanked her for her involvement and coordination.

**Northbrook Artist Studio Tour 2019**

Guest Kittie Yohe asked to confirm a date with the Park District - Nov. 2 or 9 for the Studio Tour for 2019. Commissioner Loftus indicated the room is available on Nov. 2. It was noted that a decision will be made next meeting. There was a discussion about the option to have Village Green building as a second location. Chairman Bondy noted there were concerns about using Village Green as we would have to set up the panels since last year the “no art on the walls” rules were not followed. Commissioner Loftus said another artist arrived three hours early and it was difficult for staff. It was noted that responsible staff must be present to monitor the events.

Guest Yohe noted that Journey Care in Glenview is looking for artists to display their works and interested artists should call her. She explained the facility and the showing opportunity.

**New Events/projects for 2019**

Chairman Bondy shared his idea of hosting architectural tours of local buildings. He spoke to the architect of the Northbrook Village Hall and asked to have a presentation in the Board Room. Chair Bondy, noted he illustrated the building renderings before it was built. The design of Northbrook Village Hall has been influential in the area. Chairman Laughlin noted new buildings and new technologies, such as LEEDS buildings would be of interest for the tours. Chairman Bondy noted we may need to pay a stipend to the speakers and will provide more information at the next meeting.

Chairman Bondy asked if we need a subcommittee on other events. Commissioner Halperin brought up the photography Plein Air and will establish a subcommittee in the future.

Librarian Representative Madison Carroll stated she would like to organize a photography exhibit set to live music as an event. Photographers would collaborate with the musicians as
part of the audio/visual exhibit using video slideshow and music. Chairman Bondy noted Library Representative Carroll would be invited to be on the subcommittee. It was noted that combining classical music and art offers new options.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS
Liaison Fayne-dePersio noted commission appointments would be approved at an upcoming Village Board meeting.

ADJOURN
Commissioner Moyer moved, seconded by Commissioner MacVay, to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by
/s/ Cheryl Fayne-dePersio