

**IMODS  
MINUTES OF 02/20/2008**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of IMODS was convened at 6:30 PM at the North Shore Holiday Inn by President Randy Miles. Present were several members and the following Director Candidates: Randy Miles, William Schmidt, William Novello, Richard J. Witry, Sonya Basinger, Scott Holtz, Kathy Skobel and Peter Nicholas. Director Candidate Monte Rifkin submitted his resignation prior to the meeting.

Scott Holtz affirmed that both the date of the annual meeting and the nominated slate of directors were publicized on the IMODS website.

Mike Kiss, President of North Shore Community Bank moved the election of the nominated slate. This motion was seconded by Mary Bruninga of the Skokie Theatre Music Foundation. There being no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. Upon voice vote, the slate as presented was elected. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the annual meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Miles convened the Directors meeting at 6:45 PM. The first order of business was to appoint the officers for 2008. William Schmidt moved that Randy Miles be appointed President, Richard J. Witry be appointed Secretary, William Novello as Treasurer and himself as Vice – President. All of the present directors voted aye.

President Miles spoke of the Spring and Summer Programs. President Miles spoke to Howard Meyer, Director of the Skokie Chamber about chairing the “Cruise Night” Committee. Planning should start in March. The Downtown Concert Series is a work in progress. President Miles requested Mary Bruninga and Al Curtis to work on this committee. The “Outdoor Movie Series” is also a work in progress. Scott Holtz indicated that there are concerns about payment of royalties to ASCAP or others. “Backlot Bash” meetings begin on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at Weber Center. He also commented on the resumption of Skokie Swift service on weekends commencing at the end of March. Funding remains in place for construction of the new Swift Station at Oakton Street. It was even reported that CTA and Com Ed have agreed to reach a solution on relocation of the power tower at Oakton Street which has posed a design problem for the architects.

President Miles exhibited the Prin-Mar renderings for redevelopment of the Lincoln-Oakton intersection. The 8110 Lincoln project has yet to get out of the ground. In addition, there are plans for the redevelopment of the William Meyer property near the Skokie Post Office which contemplate the construction of 47 town homes on approximately 2.33 acres.

Sonya Basinger reported on the activities of the Arts and Entertainment Committee. The next show opens up in her Gallery (Northbranch) on March 8th and will feature a sculpture show in which metal is the preferred medium. The Street Level Art Gallery suffered the loss of two venues. Neither Desiree nor the old Currency Exchange on Oakton street are available. The membership commented very favorably on the Village scene in the Oakton Drug storefront. Discussion ensued regarding the use of vacant storefronts for advertising purposes. Kathy Skobel has agreed to look into our options and possibly design window dressings for the Lincoln & Oakton corner building. The next Salon d'Arte will be April 5<sup>th</sup> at a place to be determined. Guest speaker is Larry Bouche (Scuba Systems – Skokie) who shoots footage for National Geographic and the Discovery Channel on a regular basis. The “I Only Have Ice For You” was a success. It was reported that approximately 80-100 folks showed up to view one large ice sculpture which depicted Cupid. Sweetie Pie and Village Inn provided refreshments. Flyers announcing the event had been sent to schools but the turn-out was disappointing although the cold weather was certainly a factor. Unfortunately, the next day’s warm weather and rain reduced the sculpture to a miniature real quickly.

Sonya further reported that IMODS was represented at the North Shore Art Guild program, where she spent the day as an art juror. The next Skokie Art Forum meeting is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at a location to be determined. Lastly, she reported that she was appointed to the North Shore Sculpture Park Board. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year the Sculpture Park has been in existence. 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. Kathy Skobel mentioned that her friend, David Jennings, was displaying his photo exhibit at Tub Tim Thai restaurant.

President Miles thanked Sonya for her hard work in fostering the arts in Skokie and for her numerous contributions to IMODS.

President Miles noted that the minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting had been circulated by email. Motion made by Lauretta Burke to approve which was seconded by Mary Bruninga. Motion to approve passed by voice vote.

Scott Holtz reported on the web-site and noted that January was a record month for “hits” due to “Hizzoner” appearing at he Skokie Theatre.

Bill Schmidt spoke of the “Teen Job Fair” to be sponsored by the SPL and SPD and discussed the possibility of having an “Antiques Appraisal” show.

Mary Bruninga informed the Board that Al Curtis has resumed a position with the Skokie Theater Foundation, helping to raise money and booking some shows. A list of upcoming performances was read and commented upon.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 PM which was seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard J. Witry, Secretary