

Locust Grove Arts Alliance

Meeting Minutes: July 8, 2014

In attendance: Georgia Rainbolt, Susan Thomas, Jim Brown, April Stone, Jennifer Henson, Robin Pendergraft, Joan Bennett, Roxann Perkins, Jerry Yates, Marea Breedlove, Theresa Mennecke, Kelly Palmer, and Shaun Perkins

1. We talked about the Locust Grove History Celebration play that April Stone directed and made happen at Pipe Springs Park on July 3. It will be an annual event. Over 100 people attended.

2. 2014 LGAA Events: We discussed some events that we could hold this fall/winter. For example:

BIG READ True Grit Event: Joan talked about the LG schools doing the Big Read program in 2014-15, when students and the community read the book and participate in events throughout the year. LGAA will host one of the events, to be determined later.

FALL ART TOUR: We hope to have an art tour in October, where the group will visit 3 places: Willard Stone Museum, Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry, and Verna Bates Gourd Art shop. We need to get a school bus, talk to Verna and Jason Stone, pick a date, and then promote this. We will sell tickets, and it will be a fundraiser.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR: On the day of the Christmas parade, Dec. 6, we plan to have a tour of 5 LG homes that are decorated artistically for the holidays. Possible homes: Joan Bennett, Fern McFarland, Tammy Ward, Kelly Palmer, and Linda Cowan. We might serve a simple meal at the VFW during the tour time (11 a.m.-4 p.m.), sell tickets, and give maps to the houses.

3. Calendar of Events for 2015: We discussed making a calendar of events for 2015 that we could give people. Events discussed:

May 9, Founder's Day Art Show

July 3: LG History Celebration at Pipe Springs

June-July: Creativity and Art Camps

If they go well, perhaps a repeat of these:

Fall Art Tour

Holiday House Tour

4. Non-Profit Status: We discussed ways to raise funds to pay for the paperwork and filing fees for establishing a 501(c)3 tax-exempt status. We decided we would see what monies we can raise this fall. In the future we might have membership dues.

Next Meeting: August 12, 6 p.m., VFW