

## ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

### Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monthly Meeting – March 1, 2016

Town Hall - Enfield Room at 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm by Kassie Huhtanen

### Present

Mary Keller, Kassie Huhtanen, Yvonne Wollenberg, Betty Maguire, Bill Lee, Jennefer Ryan, Sam Dupuis and Donna Hamre.

Minutes of the meeting were accepted by Yvonne Wollenberg and seconded by Betty Maguire.

### Chairperson's Remarks

Kassie began the meeting by saying that she was in contact with Lisa Ellis from the Enfield Public Library regarding the Science of Sounds event that the library is looking to have us sponsor. Kassie explained that she is working on a proposal plan that will be put in place for events looking to be sponsored.

Kassie reviewed the presentation that was done at the Town Council meeting last month. She said that it was well received by the large crowd that was in attendance that evening. The new logo will be included in a press release that will be sent to the news outlets in town and the Facebook page later this month.

Logo buttons that read "I Support Enfield Culture & Arts Commission", a new banner featuring our new logo, and name tags for board members was discussed in relation to marketing and visibility.

### Treasurer's Report

Our current balance is \$35,981.68 which included our Heritage Day donation.

### Staff Liaison's Remarks

We received a thank you note from Amy Witbro for our donation to Heritage Day. The donation was used to sponsor a Native American Teepee and tours as well as a 25-minute flute concert. This presentation was a highlight of the day.

The library event that they are looking to have sponsored "The Science of Sounds" will take place on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$425.00. The decision to sponsor is pending and will be revisited next meeting.

The sponsorship form that ECAC is considering replicating is located on the Town of Manchester webpage. Manchester has a "mini grant" program that Bill Lee spoke about with the Town Manager about implanting. There are concerns over how much of our budget we are allocating to the grants. Before the program will be promoted, they would run it by the appropriate people for approval. A suggestion would be to have a \$ cap for what we will grant.

This will help us to justify our spending and gives accountability over where our funds go. Putting the donations/grants in writing will help us get a better picture of what we do each year and what we are spending to help to build our foundation to move forward.

Current board members Terri Jedynak, Diane Carlone and Sarah Tetro have handed in their resignations leaving 3 open positions on the board.

The suggestion was made to honor Terri and Diane at an upcoming meeting for their many years of service to the Enfield Culture and Arts Commission.

The Women's Club Art Show is coming up on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 7-9pm, Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-3pm at Enfield High School in the new wing. We have agreed to donate \$500 and will request to have a table to display our logo, presentation board with photos and laptop with a rolling PowerPoint presentation. Mary will follow up with Tom Arnone about getting the event rolling.

### Old Business

Heritage Day Thank you note from Amy Witbro.

The Art Show in May 2016 with Asnuntuck was discussed and Kassie will contact Asnuntuck for further information about how we will proceed. We will revisit this next meeting.

### New Business –

Sam spoke about an art show at the Enfield Square. She would prefer to have the event in November 2016 as opposed to October 2016 which had been previously discussed by the event subcommittee last month.

One prospective feature of the Art Show event would be an interactive Art wall that could be a community collaboration piece for attendees of the show could paint. Kassie offered that it would be interesting to have a time-lapse camera recording for the painting that can be used in future advertising for ECAC and we can promote the participating artists from the event as well. The completed "art wall" can be used as a display in a future community center.

ECAC has held an Art Show twice in the past at the Enfield Square and it was well received both times. The event has run smoothly, each participating artist will have a 10x10 or 10x12 block. They are allowed to set up Friday night and the event had run through Saturday, spanning the length of the mall. In the past, musical entertainment was provided by the high school band ensemble, and food was provided by vendors in the mall.

Variations of the event were discussed for the future regarding having market vendors and other artists throughout the holiday season.

Sam will contact the Enfield Square about the Art Show and talk about dates then we will move forward with scheduling this event for November 2016.

We discussed a "Traveling Makers Market" in conjunction with the farmer's market to travel throughout the town monthly rather than staying in Thompsonville near the pond where it is currently located.

Sam shared that she is the president of the "National Academic Artist Association". The Association is 65 years old and is a nationally acclaimed Artist group. They put on a show locally as an annual event. She offered ECAC to be involved in the annual event each year but will need a location in Enfield. Buildings and locations were discussed and this will be revisited during a future meeting as location ideas are located.

Betty revised the prior month's meetings to clarify that she was contacted by the pianist Paul Bisaccia himself. The pianist website is [www.paulbisaccia.com](http://www.paulbisaccia.com) and is looking to perform his "the Great American Songbook American in Paris" concert. The location that was discussed is the Enfield Senior Center. He has performed at this location in the past. It will be a 2 hour concert on a Sunday afternoon. The artist's fee is \$600. In the past, a piano has been rented from Falcetti Music in Springfield for a fee.

Mary will look up information about the past performances regarding costs and tickets sold. Betty will contact Paul Bisaccia and tentatively schedule his performance for October 2016; his schedule is full for May 2016 as previously discussed by the events subcommittee. Sponsorship of this event by the ECAC is pending more information and will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

There is a skate park opening in the Green Manor section of Enfield. The grand opening is scheduled for Summer 2016. A ribbon cutting/Mural Art event in collaboration with the Eli Whitney School Art Teacher who has prior experience with Mural Art was discussed. We will discuss this event further in a future meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hamre, Secretary