

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monthly Meeting – September 12, 2016

Town Hall - Thompsonville Room at 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:41pm by Kassie Huhtanen

Present

Kassie Huhtanen, Donna Hamre, Tom Arnone, Mary Keller, Sue Muldoon, Shannon Esslinger, Marguerite French, Sam Dupuis

Minutes of the meeting were accepted by Kassie Huhtanen and seconded by Marguerite French.

Chairperson's Remarks

Discussing the Sidewalk Chalk Event at Enfield Family Day. Kassie donated labels to print the logo on for the chalk boxes at Family Day. Shannon offered to bring her pop-up tent. Mary will give the signage to Emily for display at our event table. Board Members who will be attending the event are Emily, Damon, Shannon and Donna. Emily will be purchasing chalk at Walmart and will be getting Walmart gift cards in \$10, \$15, and \$25 for all five divisions. Judges will be secured at the event. Judging will take place at 3:00pm the winners will be announced at 3:30pm.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Keller did not have the Treasurer's Report information. Mary will be putting in a request to have the budgeted amount moved into our account. The amount is unknown at this time but it is less than previous years due to budget cuts. There was a deduction of \$299.00 from the last report for Buttons.

Staff Liaison's Remarks

New Board Members that have been approved are Damon Patnoe and Matthew Sylvester bringing our Board to a full 11 members.

The library has contacted us to inquire about the Festival of Trees Event in December. In previous years, the commission has donated a decorated tree, provided refreshments including baked goods and sponsored the Entertainer for the Reception that is the kick off of the Event.

We discussed how to rally Local Businesses to participate with decorated trees.

The tree decoration that was agreed upon was a tree with cardstock ornaments with our Logo.

A unanimous vote in favor of doing the event and allocating \$500 to the event was approved.

The Artist at the Square Application has been posted on the Town Website.

The Banner/signs are approved but we need to submit a permit.

The buttons have been received.

Old Business

The ticket template for the Paul Bisaccia Event has been reviewed, Betty will cut the tickets. The tickets will be available at the Recreation Center, the Sr. Center and at the door. Mary will make up a contract. Betty is working with Falcetti for the Piano Rental, price is being negotiated to match last year's rental price. Susan at the Senior Center will be ordering a cake. Paul Bisaccia has asked that a program be made up for the event. Mary will take care of that. The event will be advertised on the Enfield Culture and Arts Facebook Page as well as through the Asnuntuck Radio Station. Enfield Youth Services has a Radio Spot to advertise. Tom will get more information for us.

Sam spoke about the Artist at the Square event. Sam has passed out 50 applications so far to Artists/crafters that participated at Suffield on the Green and other festivals in the area recently. Sue will drop off applications at Artist Open Studios. Applications will be due in 3 weeks.

Our next meeting will take place at the Rec Center. Mary will arrange the applications into Media categories. The selection process will be a Blind Jury (all names will be hidden to allow for anonymity and fairness to all of the applicants).

The topic of box lunches for the days of the show will be revisited next meeting.

Upcoming events that we have on the calendar are:

September: Sidewalk Chalk Contest

October: Paul Bisaccia

November: Artist at the Square

December: Torchlight Parade and Carol Sing which will be held the first Sunday of December at 6pm. The Enfield Fire Department will be running the parade portion of the event. The parade of decorated fire trucks will step off at Enfield Street School and travel up Route 5 to the Town Green. The Carol Sing will begin at 7:00pm with the Tree lighting and choral groups from the Enfield Schools. In previous years, Fire pits have been set up for warmth, ECAC has passed out candy canes from Santa or battery operated Candles for the carolers. We have agreed to allocate \$600 to reserve the Stilt Walkers for the Parade and festivities. Sue Muldoon will contact the Stilt walkers and secure them. Shannon Esslinger will research Fire Breathers and Jugglers and will bring information to our next meeting. We will also discuss ideas for community involvement for the Torchlight Parade at the next meeting.

December: Festival of Trees at the Enfield Public Library

New Business –

2017 there will be an anniversary of the Shakers moving out of Enfield. We have been invited in collaboration with the Enfield Historical Society to

participate in an event that would celebrate Shaker history. This decision was tabled for further information.

Kassie proposed a suggestion for a 2017 project to include the Art Departments in all of the Enfield Schools to create coloring books to be distributed by the Police Departments for children in traumatic situations. The project would include drawing pages to be submitted by participants to be compiled into a book with our logo and be handed out with markers and crayons. This will be a good community project to join the Police, Fire Department, Social Services and the students who created the art work.

Theme was discussed: "Landmarks in Enfield", "Taking care of Friends"

Feedback included:

- Line drawings would be difficult to reproduce
- What age groups would participate?
- What is the cost of the end results?
- Get in contact with "Friends of Enfield Police Department" for collaboration
- Talk to police department for theme ideas
- Speak to Social Services for their Feedback and thoughts on the project
- We could have an Open House at the Activity Center to draw at the event for the submissions
- A theme could be "My Friends in Enfield" to incorporate Police, Fire, EMS, Police dogs, Social Services.
 - A suggestion would be to take photos and turn them into coloring books. Kassie, Sam and Sue will test the photo idea and report back on their results.
- Launch for the project could be 9/11 next year that the ceremonies.

Event ideas for 2017 that were proposed were:

Art show on the green in collaboration with Asnuntuck

Haunted House (100 High St) or Haunted Park at Brainerd Park

Coloring Book

** The Next Meeting will be taking place on October 4, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Angelo Lamagna Activity Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hamre, Secretary