

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monthly Meeting – April 4, 2017

Enfield Town Hall at 6:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Emily McIntosh

Present

Emily McIntosh, Damon Patnoe, Marguerite French, Bill Lee, Sue Muldoon, Jennefer Ryan, Shannon Esslinger, Donna Hamre, Betty McGuire, Tom Arnone, Mary Keller, Megan Kelley and Christina Hull from CTCOLABS

We reviewed meeting minutes from the March meeting. Minutes were accepted and approved by Damon Patnoe, 2nd by Emily McIntosh, all in favor.

Chairperson's Remarks

The Belly Dancing event that was held at the Enfield Senior Center on March 23rd was a success. The 20 available spots were filled plus they had a waiting list. We received positive feedback and the Senior Center and patrons have asked for a second class. We will follow up in a future meeting to plan.

Treasurer's Report

Upcoming events include:

Paint & Plant which will be held at the Enfield Senior Center on April 11th, the program will cap at 30 people. Emily will be getting the supplies for the event this week.

Enfield Rocks will be held at the Enfield Public Library on May 4th. The invoice has been received from Shannon Grant and is pending further information before being issued.

Kassie's official resignation has been received. A thank you card was passed around for attendees to sign for Kassie as a token of our thanks.

We will be advertising on our Facebook page for applicants to fill our vacant spot. We would like the applicant to have marketing experience to help us to target that area.

There will be a Freedom of Information class on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm at the Enfield Senior Center in the Great Room.

The grant proposal packet was reviewed. Members were asked to read the information and email Emily with any questions. She will review and respond to any questions together with Mary Keller. The Ethics language will be added to the grant proposal. Emily and Marguerite will form a subcommittee with Mary to go over the grant proposal.

Our current balance is \$38,230.92. We did not get approved for our \$9,000 budget request, we have currently been level funded from the \$4,000 we received last year. The official amount is pending review.

The marketing information for the September Artists & Artisans Festival was received and forwarded to Sam Dupuis.

Sue contacted the CT State Department of Tourism and will share information for our next meeting.

Council Liaison's Remarks

The Budget document shows that we have been level funded for the \$4,000 we received last year. Bill and Tom will be speaking to the board to try to get the amount increased. Emily offered to go before the Town Council to explain what we are doing in 2017 and preview our 2018 season. More information to come.

Board members from the Enfield Women's Club Art Show would like to come and address ECAC. We were promoted at the 2016 Art show with a booth in the corner but there were no volunteers present to man the booth. They will be in attendance at our May meeting.

Tom is interested in the revival of the Enfield Historical Tour. Tom will be appearing as part of an Enfield History show on ETV on April 10th. He will be talking about the tour and ECAC.

Special Guests

Megan Kelley and Christina Hull from CT COLABS joined our meeting to speak to us about their mission. They recently started their new company in January 2017. Their goal is to promote the Arts and Artists in the community and they are looking for a venue, an indoor or outdoor space, that would include a retail space, a gallery, as well as classes and workshops. They will be supporting artists who work with various mediums.

They recently met with the Enfield Square about coordinating pop-up shows at the mall. They have 2 shows scheduled. April 23rd featuring 65 vendors and May 7th featuring 150 vendors. They recently lost their venue and are looking for locations for these two shows as well as a show scheduled for June 10th.

They are looking to partner with ECAC for networking and connections. They do not charge admission for their events although they do welcome food donations for the local food shelf.

They are interested in helping with our September Artists & Artisans Festival by sharing the information with their vendors, an application was shared with them for distribution.

Bill suggested they contact the Chamber of Commerce to inquire about use of the Walmart location in East Windsor for the shows as a venue.

Old Business

Matt heard from the 4th of July Committee about the Drum Circle event during the festival. They are interested in including a Drum Circle in the calendar of events although they are in the beginning stages of planning. More information to follow.

Matt suggested that we have a tent at the event and we can have some activities featuring smaller culture and arts related things in or near our tent. The event runs July 7, 8, and 9th. The questions of cost of renting the tent and volunteers to be present were raised. Emily and Damon are not available that weekend. We will speak more about this at our next meeting.

John Hogan and Scott Kaupin are points of contact for the 4th of July Committee.

Enfield High School will be having a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new Enfield High School building on May 13th featuring several events throughout the day. There will be a concert that evening featuring performers from the High School as well as Alumni. The concert will begin at 7:00pm. There are sponsorship opportunities, Bill Lee will be getting more information shortly. Our presence at the event can include having our banner displayed, being included in the program and passing out pins. We will also have a contact sheet for email addresses for information on future events and volunteer opportunities. Damon, Emily, Donna and Shannon will be present at the event.

We voted to allocate a \$500.00 donation to co-sponsor the event. All in favor.

In June, we will go over the by-laws. We will review our standards as a committee to review and update the by-laws in regards to representing ourselves as a group.

Artists & Artisans Festival

Information was received that we can be vendors at our own ECAC events if the event is not juried in any way. The purpose of the jury is being pre-selective of who will be featured in the show. If the event is juried and a commission member was a vendor it could have a negative impact in the community. It was decided that because the application process has already begun, that commission members will not be a vendor at the festival this year.

Because Sam was not at this month's meeting, Sue will contact Sam to confirm if she is okay with working with the Colab group to help fill our open spots and to help promote the event. Sue will contact Sam and email Emily and Mary to start working on it.

New Business –

Matt will be beginning his Doctorate program in Organizational Leadership through Grand Canyon University. A portion of his work to complete the program involves working on projects and he is looking for the opportunity to help out within the commission. Emily advised him to review the January meeting minutes for the list of events in 2017 and we can revisit at a future meeting.

Jennefer spoke about a Photography workshop for how to use a DSL camera that is currently being offered by a local photographer/teacher in Enfield. Jennefer will talk to her about her fee, how many people she can accommodate and the size space she would need for the event. More discussion to follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hamre, Secretary