

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Enfield Town Hall, Scitico Room 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Donna Hamre, Joshua Hamre, Emily Clifford, Jason Neeley, Nzima Hutchings, Joyce Bolanos, Dan Keating, Lori Unghire, Brandon Jewell

Approval of Minutes

Emily motioned to accept the minutes from the Special February meeting and the March meeting. Joyce 2nd, all voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Special Guests

Brandon Jewell joined us on behalf of PFLAG Enfield. He wanted to thank us for the sponsorship and to invite ECAC to the PFLAG-Enfield Pride Festival on the Town Green on Saturday, June 3 from 10-5. Brandon also invited ECAC to speak at the event if we would like. Brandon will get the W-9 to Jason.

Lauren Urena from Enfield Produce and Deli joined us virtually. She shared the artist's vision/sketch. She confirmed that Sustainable CT will not match and that \$1000 will need to be raised.

If there is a "Community Paint Day" held as an event they may be able to match it. She plans to raise money through social media and crowd funding. Lauren received and shared a draft. She will need 1 more draft before moving forward. The information about the fundraiser will be shared with newspaper publications. Jason will share his contacts. A video will also be created that ECAC can share on our Facebook page.

Treasurer's Report

The funds that Council approved have been transferred. The checks for Open Mic Night, T-shirts, and Women's club art show have been issued. The current balance is \$15,147.91. Jason will get the W-9 information from Brandon Jewell and issue the \$1000.00 check to PFLAG-Enfield.

Staff Liaison's Remarks

Jason confirmed that members of the commission shall serve without compensation. The board does have the option to hire a recording secretary which will come out of our budget.

Mat from Rise-up CT expenses will be \$15204. Sustainable CT has set the crowd funding goal as \$7704 and will match. ECAC can contribute up to \$1500 which will be matched.

National Library week will be 4/23. The instrument Lending Library will be promoted and the Art kits will be rolled out as well as the new Creative Bug database roll out.

Open Mic event begins 4/5/23 the first Wednesday of the month.

Lori asked about the bandshell booking. Emily confirmed that Steph is working on booking the bands for the bandshell and that we have 1 confirmed band reserved. The expectation is that the bandshell will be ready to use by June.

Board of Education Liaison's Remarks

Joshua has a BOE meeting tomorrow night and cannot attend the Open Mic Night. Lamplighters are performing the Sound of Music. Joshua is involved in the sound with Mr. Reese and has been trouble shooting the sound system that is not working properly in the EHS Auditorium.

Opera House Players announced their 2023/2024 season shows today.

Open Mic Night

Joyce is concerned that we will not be reaching the children having the event at the library. Jason reached out to Matty's Music. Matty plans to attend and is encouraging his students to attend.

It was discussed how to promote the event. The library is promoting the event through all of their publications.

Elizabeth the current poet Laureate will be attending to read her poems. The program will have a facilitator who will talk through the program and also support by performing his own music throughout the night.

We discussed the age range and we were encouraged to be open minded. Our vision for the event can evolve to a coffee house feel as we get going. We can offer refreshments we discussed cookies, coffee and water. Emily will bring twinkle lights to decorate. Emily will drop off food ahead of time. Donna will be at the library by 5:40 to set up.

We will give a disclaimer for adult topics/music if needed. We will use the first event to set ground rules for future marketing, enforcing an age limit as needed. There will be a sign-up list for performances. The library closes at 8:00, we will plan on wrapping up the event at 7:45.

A motion was made to spend \$30 on refreshments. Emily made a motion, all voted in favor.

Summer concert series update has been postponed because Steph is not present.

Emily created a contact/survey to share with artists and performers. She will email the link to Jason and Lori to share with the Town Manager to be shared on the town website and pinned to our Facebook page.

Community Events Calendar has been created and attached to the ECAC Gmail account. Local events from Asnuntuck, EHS, OHP, library, Women's Club Art Festival and other art related events will be added to the calendar.

Marketing materials: We will be creating Postcards with 2-sided graphics via Vistaprint in time for the Women's Club Art show on April 21-22. A motion was made to order \$200 worth of postcards by Emily and 2nd by Joyce.

April is National Poetry Month. There will be a daily post added to our Facebook page. There was discussion about a Haiku contest with a Barnes and Noble Gift card as a prize.

Poet Laureate applications are due by the end of April. This will be promoted on the Facebook page and at the Women's Club Art Festival.

Evergreen Family Theater would like to partner with ECAC to hold a Shakespeare in the Park production of "A Midsummer's Night Dream" at the bandshell this August 6,7,8 or 9. We will invite them to our future meeting to speak about the performance.

ECAC will have a table at the Women's Club Art Show. Emily will pick up our materials at the Annex and set up on Friday night. She will be at the event from 7-9 Friday, Apr 21. Donna will be at the event Saturday, Apr 22 from 12-3.

Enfield E-TV is interested in connecting with ECAC to be a part of their in-studio show.

The Town Manager is touring Hazardville Institute and shared that they are looking for a ground floor tenant. The parking lot improvements have been proposed and the town is looking for opportunities for the 2nd floor space. Joyce will contact Ellen to inquire about ECAC's use of the space for future events.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Town Hall | Scitico Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Hamre | Secretary