

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monthly Meeting –January 8, 2019

Enfield Public Library at 6:30 pm

Present

Emily McIntosh, Jennefer Ryan, Donna Hamre, Joshua Hamre, Jason Neely, Lori Unghire, John Unghire

We reviewed meeting minutes from the November meeting. Minutes were accepted and approved by Emily McIntosh, 2nd by Joshua Hamre, all in favor.

Chairperson's Remarks

We will follow up on submitting for our budget in our February Meeting. We will ask for \$9,000 for our proposed budget.

Opera House Players was approved for a 2-year lease on the High St building and working on getting approval to hold events at the Enfield Annex.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance: \$29,672.00

Staff Liaison's Remarks

We received 3 mini grant applications.

The Opera House Players will give the library discounted tickets for the shows to be included in their museum pass program.

Building and Grounds approved the storage of ECAC items in the boiler room at the Library. Emily will do inventory to clear out the storage from

the Rec building. We can offer to donate or offer up the Christmas donations for other projects.

The Beautification Committee has not responded to our response to their mini grant proposal. The proposal is to put old restored maps of downtown Thompsonville in display cases around the Freshwater Pond.

Old Business-

Jason will follow up to see if Finance sent the funds for the Storyteller event at the Library.

The Torchlight Parade was a success.

Paul Bisaccia will perform Ragtime Blues at the Enfield Senior Center on Sunday, April 28th at 2:00. Emily will send over the quote from Falcetti Music for the Piano Rental. Jason will follow up to see if the contract has been sent to Paul Bisaccia yet. Lori will announce the performance at the Town Council Meeting. Emily will check prices at Big Y, Costco, and Russo's for refreshments. We will use a coffee urn at the Senior Center and purchase Cake for refreshments.

The Festival of Trees at the Library went well. The weather impacted attendance. The Elf on the Shelf was better received, she talked this year and interacted more with the patrons.

New Business –

3 Grant Proposals were received:

1. Artist Residency

Location would be at Prudence Crandall and Henry Barnard Elementary Schools in the Spring of 2019. Anne Cubberly has agreed to work with students from both schools on a large project culminating in an Arts Event.

This project is a first-year project to use as a platform for Board of Education Funding.

Questions included: How does this work into their current curriculum? Asking for \$2,000. Event will be at only 2 schools, concerns: not open to the public, dependent on future funding.

All voted in favor of the event \$500.00 voted based on Mini Grant Cap. Emily will send a letter of explanation for the approved amount of the grant.

2. Instrument Lending Library

Instruments will be available for patrons to check out of the library for a standard 3-week checkout. The purpose will be making musical instruments available for patrons to try out instruments rather than making the financial commitment/investment.

The library has reached out to Matty's Music for collaboration. He has offered to order the instruments at cost as well as provide routine maintenance, and will provide coupon or voucher at checkout. He will possibly provide lessons or group lessons at the library in the future.

Storage will be in the office area at the library. The library will create a display in the lobby to advertise. The instruments will be checked out with entry level instructional guide with each instrument.

"Artist works" database will be available at the library.

Sustainability: The Library may increase the range of instruments, no wind instruments due to germs

Concerns: Classical guitars with nylon strings vs. acoustics

Library will welcome donations of instruments. Buy Nothing Facebook page for instrument donations.

All voted in favor of \$500.00

3. CTcoLABS 3rd Annual Earth Day Fair

They will be holding their 3rd Annual Earth Day Fair at the Enfield Town Green on April 13, 2019. The event offers various vendors that fit the

theme of the event as well as food trucks. The mini grant proposal would be to use the grant money for primarily signs/advertising: Radio ads, lawn signs, newspapers and a sign on North Main St.

Vote is tabled for more information. Emily will make contact asking about past vendors, how many vendors have reserved for this year's event, Insurance? other participants for the event? ERFC confirmation of their participation, more information on the DAD's group and what their volunteer roles will be?

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at the Enfield Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hamre, Secretary