

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monthly Meeting –June 4, 2019
Enfield Public Library at 6:30 pm

Present

Emily McIntosh, Damon Patnoe, Donna Hamre, Marguerite French,
Jennefer Ryan, Bill Friday, Emily Clifford

We reviewed meeting minutes from the May meeting. Minutes were accepted and approved by Emily McIntosh, 2nd by Marguerite French, all in favor.

Chairperson's Remarks

The Poet Laureate, Elizabeth Szewczyk, has not forwarded information to us yet. The application is still pending the verbiage to be included in our application. Jason will follow up with her.

We will not be meeting in July or August.

Treasurer's Report

At the May 20th meeting the town budget was approved. ECAC was given \$2,500. We had requested \$9,000 as in the previous years. We currently have a balance of \$27,137.95. As of July 1, the balance will be \$29,637.95.

We help to fund a lot of town events, with the reduced budget, we will need to take a closer look at individuals mini grant applications versus Town Committees grant applications that are currently receiving money from the town budget as well.

Staff Liaison's Remarks

Our Instrument Lending Library will kick off on June 26th. We will be having a program with Julie Stepanek, a ukulele teacher. She will bring 20

ukes for people to try out. We will have our 10 ukuleles available for check out that night. Here is the complete list of instruments:

- 10 ukuleles
- 3 acoustic guitars (we're still waiting on 2 of them)
- 2 youth sized guitars
- 1 bass guitar and amp (thank you, Hamres!)
- 2 electric guitars and amps
- 1 mandolin
- 1 keyboard
- 1 bodhran (Irish drum)
- 1 djembe (West African drum)
- bongos

All of the stringed instruments will be checked out with tuners. All of the instruments will be checked out with cases or bags. Instructional books and song books will be available. We have also started a subscription to ArtistWorks, a music learning database that will be available through the website.

Old Business-

We have not received a mini grant application from Jack O Lantern Festival yet, we will communicate through email over the summer if an application is received.

Michelle Stewart is the new Community Liaison for the schools. She has taken over the responsibilities from Amy Witbro who will be working primarily with KITE.

New Business –

Bill Friday from the Enfield Historical Society saw the information about tonight's meeting on Facebook and wanted to come speak to us. We spoke about opportunities for collaboration. The Enfield Historical Society owns 3 properties: The Wallop School, Martha Parson's Homestead Museum, and the Old Town Hall Museum. The museum is open the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month from 1pm-5pm. The museum has new exhibits and they

would like the opportunity to reach out to the Enfield community. The museum currently has 145 members in a town of over 44,000 residents.

The museum hosts students from Prudence Crandall Elementary School on a fieldtrip each June.

He would like to create the sense of community by sharing the History of Enfield. They have done Animal Day in front of the museum, Antique Motor shows, dinosaur show. They are looking for the opportunity to share their newest exhibit: A Tea Set from 1838 that was originally owned by Warren Thompson, a relative of Harriet Thompson Parsons. The museum would love to share the story behind the tea set. Idea's for an in front of the curtain show, short stories to share the history, act out wearing time appropriate clothing, talk about the artifacts? More thought and discussion will follow.

Emily Clifford from the Enfield Community Chorus also read about the meeting on our Facebook page. Emily has been a resident of Enfield for over 10 years. The Enfield Community Chorus has been in Enfield for over 40 years. They will be applying for 501c3 status. They hold rehearsals at the Hazardville Methodist Church although they are not affiliated with the church. The chorus welcomes members of all ages and currently have 50-60 members. They are looking to expand their membership by adding a diverse range of ages (18+). They currently perform 1 Christmas Show a year, traditionally the first Sunday of December.

They are looking for options for advertising. They advertise through the Reminder and the free Radio Stations. Asnuntuck Radio Show was suggested. At Asnuntuck, the students will interview, record, edit then air the special. E-TV was also suggested as an option for advertising. ECAC will also share any event information on our Facebook page.

Nominations/Elections-

The board positions will stay the same for the 2019/2020 term.

Chairperson: Emily McIntosh

Vice-Chairperson: Marguerite French

Secretary: Donna Hamre

Treasurer: Damon Patnoe

We will be recruiting more members to our vacant board positions during this upcoming year with hopes of changing the board positions for the 2020/2021 term.

Miscellaneous-

Family Day will be held the 3rd Sunday in September. September 15th (Date will be confirmed)

We voted on the purchase of \$250 in Prizes, \$75-\$100 for Chalk, \$20 for bags for a total of appx \$345.00 in purchases. We have voted in the past for the purchase of a Pop-up tent. Emily will make that purchase over the summer. Marguerite will place the order for the 2 signs. We have appx 60 buttons with our logo that we will bring to pass out. We will also bring stakes and cray paper to block the sidewalk squares to reduce patrons walking across the chalk drawings.

Our schedule for the upcoming year:

Fall: Sidewalk Chalk Contest

Winter: Festival of Trees and the Torchlight Parade and Carol sing (Josh will introduce the Mayor)

Spring: Paul Bisaccia Concert (TBD)

We spoke about a possible collaboration with the Parent Leadership Academy to put on a Movies in the Park Event. A possible location could be the Powder Hollow Brewery. Food would be organized and provided. Tentative time frame Last Weekend of September/First weekend of October. Movie option could be Night of the Living Dead. Screen options include renting a blow-up screen and a projector, rent a box truck or painters tarp to hang and use as a screen. We will follow up with PLA and the Powder Hollow Brewery and talk about it more at our next meeting. (update following the meeting: PLA due to being affiliated with the Enfield Public Schools is not able to participate in any activities involving alcohol. They will be submitting a mini-grant application for an event TBD on the Town Green).

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at the Enfield Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hamre, Secretary