

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monthly Meeting –January 5, 2021
Virtually via Windstream call at 6:30 pm

Present

Emily McIntosh, Damon Patnoe, Donna Hamre, Jason Neely, Emily Clifford, Joshua Hamre, Jennefer Ryan, Bob Cressotti, Kelly Hemmeler

Minutes from previous meeting accepted by Joshua, 2nd Emily C.

Chairperson's Remarks

Happy New Year, 2020 is behind us. We welcome Bob Cressotti as our new board liaison.

Staff Liaison Remarks

The account balance is \$26,266. The funds that ECAC gave to the library will be used for a new display case for the musical lending library cards. The lending library currently has 43 instruments. They are in the process of purchasing 2 electric violins and 2 acoustic violins.

The library also has 2 virtual concerts that they are planning, An Irish Due in celebration of St. Patrick's Day and an event honoring the History of Black Music.

The Children's staff was delighted for the Grab and go crafts.

The refreshments that ECAC purchased for the Opera House Players Ovation Virtual Concerts cost more than budgeted due to the Whole Donut not being open at the time of the show. Hot Chocolate was purchased through Friendly's at a higher cost. The refreshments featured gallon sized Ziplock bags filled with individually packaged treats. We had originally budgeted \$250. An amendment was suggested.

Current balance is \$26,266

Old Business-

Emily reached out to Paul Biscattia for virtual Concerts. His fee is \$350, he has a full studio and has been currently doing ZOOM Livestreams. A proposal was mentioned to possible do 2 or 4 (1 per season throughout the year) Questions are Live Show vs recording of the show for later viewing, to possibly share the link to view on our ECAC Facebook page. Emily will check with Paul Biscattia regarding potential dates and to question the option of recording the Zoom meeting for future viewing. A motion to increase the budget previously approved to \$1400 to cover 4 quarterly shows was made by Joshua, 2nd by Emily C., unanimous vote.

Purchase order for the projector, projection screen and sound equipment order will be submitted to Jason for future outdoor movie events. Our plans are to collaborate with other town groups to expand the events.

Kelly will email Opera House Players regarding a board liaison for ECAC.

New Business-

An amendment vote to increase the Opera House Ovation Refreshment purchase from \$250 to \$275 was motioned to accept by Joshua, 2nd by Emily Clifford. The vote was unanimous to accept.

No mini grant applications have been received.

An official certificate for our Poet Laureate has been created, signed and mailed to Elizabeth Szewczyk.

Josh recognized Bob and Kelly for being strong supporters of Opera House Players and the support of the Arts in Enfield.

Miscellaneous-

We can spread the word to other local artists regarding virtual concerts. Emily and Josh will work together on how to write up the proposal for next year's budget to include this option.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hamre, Secretary