

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monthly Meeting –March 2, 2021

Virtually via Windstream call at 6:30 pm

Present

Emily McIntosh, Damon Patnoe, Donna Hamre, Jason Neely, Emily Clifford, Jennefer Ryan, Kelly Hemmeler, Sam Nolan

Minutes from previous meeting accepted by Jennefer, 2nd Damon

Chairperson's Remarks

19 Days until Spring, 12 Days until the clocks change ahead. Updates in Old and New Business.

Staff Liaison Remarks

The library has 2 upcoming concerts using the ECAC funds. Abbots Cross will perform via Facebook Live on March 12th. Caryn Linn, Electric Violinist will perform on April 7th and Cameron Sutphin will perform as the library's first outdoor concert on May 19th.

The basement of the Lamagna center will need to be cleared out of the ECAC items. The old ECAC sign from prior board will be disposed of. The Punch bowl and utensils will be moved to our storage area in the Library basement.

The Poet Laureate will have a permanent display at the library showcasing the library's poetry collection. Our Poet Laureate budget can be used to purchase poetry books that are not in the library's collection.

Old Business-

Emily emailed the 21-22 budget proposal to the board members. The budget request is \$9000, did not add a line item for the Torchlight Parade. Line item added \$200 supporting the Poet Laureate to incorporate the Torchlight Parade event with the Poet Laureate. Emily added all the line items and modified the \$ amounts to total \$9000. Jason will proofread and submit our budget the town council.

All submitted documents and forms are saved on the ECAC.contact email address in the saved drive.

The Paul Bisaccia concert received positive feedback, a total of 56 people viewed the event. Lisa Sprague at the library gathered the email addresses for those interested and emailed the zoom links. The link was also shared on the Facebook page and Enfield Open Forum pages. For future concerts, we will put out the Zoom link multiple times leading up to the event.

Social media advertising Facebook ads. We had previously voted on a marketing budget. (Donna checked the meeting minutes from February 12, 2020. The marketing budget was discussed but there was no motion to vote because we did not have a quorum).

Jennefer recommended using EventBrite as an event program for upcoming events and will assist.

Emily C. offered to make flyers to advertise future shows to hang up at the library and senior center. The flyers can be used to advertise the traveling live concert series.

Emily will reach out to Suffield about their outdoor movies to inquire about speakers/sound systems.

New Business-

Emily M. presented an idea towards the 20-40yr old demographic involving events surrounding Yoga, Healing arts, sound baths, guided meditation, breathwork. We could also explore Shamanism and Indigenous history. This could fall under our Culture aspect and tie in History regarding these practices. Using the Conduit Center in East Hartford as a model. The concept would be to have workshops or to provide space and a flat rate funding to help to build a base in the area.

The Annex is not available due to the COVID Vaccine Clinic, the library community room is currently being used to quarantine returned materials. The Lamagne Center and the Strand are set to be demolished and sold for a developer to purchase. Hazardville Memorial School has an outdoor covered tent space that may be available after school hours.

Emily C. mentioned that the South Windsor High School had recently had a "Relieve the Stress Fest" Mental Wellness Fair.

Yoga is currently being offered through the senior center, recreation center and adult education.

We will need to find a location to hold these proposed events.

Miscellaneous-

none

Motion to adjourn was made by Emily C.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hamre, Secretary