

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monthly Meeting –May 13, 2020
Virtually via Zoom call at 6:30 pm

Present

Emily McIntosh, Damon Patnoe, Donna Hamre, Jason Neely, Emily Clifford, Joshua Hamre, Jennefer Ryan

Chairperson's Remarks

Nominations will be received and Elections will be held during next month's meeting.
Suggestion to update Bi-laws will be discussed in New Business

Treasurer's Report

Budget request will be reviewed during next week's Town Council meeting on May 20th.

Staff Liaison Remarks

A Poet Laureate application has been received from Elizabeth Szewczyk.

1 Mini Grant Application was received

Jason attended the North Central Health District meetings; it will be a while before events are going to be allowed. Events with the recreation department and the library will be affected. A group of more than 5 people is considered a gathering. Events will continue to have serious limitations.

The Library has switched to virtual programming and is going very well. They hosted an online concert and had 40 people in attendance. A Ukulele Club was started prior to the Covid-19 closure with the Senior Center. The lessons have continued with members of the Senior Center via Zoom calls.

The library will be starting curbside pickup for library materials following Memorial Day.

New Business-

1 Mini-grant Application was received from PLA-Parent Leadership Academy for Movies on the Green.

Alternate event ideas were discussed. Drive up Movie? Sound through speakers would be a challenge. Asnuntuck was discussed as an option with parking lot options.

Asnuntuck has a radio station. Perhaps we can partner with them to play the movie over the radio station. Is an online radio station an option for sound?

Partnership between ECAC and PLA. ECAC could provide the equipment and the \$500 mini-grant. PLA can make the contact with Asnuntuck and make arrangements for the location and radio station as well as the balance of the cost for licensing. Emily will contact Melissa from PLA to arrange a call to discuss partnership, location and movie selection. Emily will contact the North Central Health District to discuss limitations. Drive in movies are reopening in May 20th. Could this event fall under the same limitations? What are the rules regarding port-a-pottys.

We agreed to table the Mini grant vote until the June meeting following the call with PLA to gather more information.

A Poet Laureate application has been received from Elizabeth Szewczyk. The application met the criteria. The submission deadline was May 3rd for interested participants. The application will be reviewed by ECAC members as well as the Library's Deputy Director, Katie Werth. Katie will be invited to our next month's meeting or invited to give feedback. Voting on the application will be held during the June meeting.

Office nominations will be received and voting will take place during the June meeting.

A proposal to update our bi-laws was suggested to allow former commission members who have successfully, actively served their full 2-year term the opportunity to apply for a mini grant following their departure from the commission without waiting 1 year.

Old Business

Emily has not moved forward with the ordering of the projector, inflatable screen and materials due to the unknown status of the events and the purchase order/payment. Emily will move forward with the purchase as soon as we get the green light to make the purchase and hold events.

Emily will continue to work with the Town Hall regarding umbrella insurance for the Movie's around Town project as soon as we can begin to hold events.

The Women's Club Art show was canceled. The scholarships will still be awarded to the students.

Emily C. will begin working on populating our Google Calendar beginning with adding the library events. Many of the library events that were being held monthly have moved to weekly on a virtual basis. The Cookbook Club has been held weekly on Thursday's at 4:00.

Miscellaneous-

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 at the Enfield Public Library or via Zoom depending on the restrictions at that time.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hamre, Secretary