

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting

November 15, 2011 7pm

Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

Members Present: Pam Gilday, David Andrew, Nate Cordova, Bob Laplante, Leah Hill, Rachel Kohn, Carley Monell, Marc Lisle, and Mary Hichborn

1. Minutes

a. November 1, 2011

Pam motions to accept minutes from November 1, 2011 meeting. David seconds the motion. Vote on motion 9-0.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Sculpture has been vouchered
- 2011 Studio Tour raffle garnered \$359 (2010 was \$826)
- Reimbursements:
 - Leah submitted a receipt for \$43.85 for the studio tour balloons. Carley motion to grant the reimbursement for Leah for the amount stated. Pam seconds the motion. Vote on motion 9-0.
 - Mary submitted receipts for \$16.79 for sheet protectors and stamps. Pam motions to grant the reimbursement for Mary for the amount stated. Carley seconds the motion. Vote on motion 9-0.
- Studio Tour recap will be in January

3. Grants

- Pam contacted Jennifer Lawless at MCC regarding receiving a grant application for Paul for the tour and what is the correct action? Jennifer stated that Paul is affiliated with our council, we can't grant such an application, the application seems more like a bill. For future applications, this would need to be an LCO grant to the MCC.
- Library didn't submit a museum pass application, in the past, the Friends submitted that application. Library told that she couldn't submit such an application, but Jennifer states on the new application that one of the questions specifically asks if the grantee is a library and that they can apply.
- There are some applications that are looking for sponsorship, can the council be a sponsor?
- Each member rated the grant applications, tonight's meeting is to average out the members ratings to get a council rating. Leah to put rating system in to spreadsheet.

4. Other Business

- How do we encourage visual artists?
- December 14, 2011 has been reserved as a meeting date in case we need another grant meeting
- January meeting: Studio Tour debriefing. Carley and Rachel will create a survey and have ready for December 6th meeting so we can send out and have answers back from artists before our January debrief. Survey to cover the studio tour experience-should be quick and electronic.
- February: Planning our year
- March-Past members attend our meeting to discuss some ideas they had.
- May: Haverhill Shoe Collection
- At a future meeting, need to discuss Chain Bridge collection.

- Future meetings: Could be at the Newburyport Five Building or other public room that has WiFi so we can skype with Mary. Pam to talk with Allison in the mayor's office regarding availability of the cultural center as well.

Carley motioned to adjourn. Bob seconded. Vote on motion 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill