

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting

January 10, 2011 7pm

Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

Members Present: Su Bailey, Bob Laplante, Renee Schneider, Marc Lisle, Rachel Kohn, Leah Hill and Pam Gilday (arrived later)

Also Present: Nate Cordova

1. Approval of December 13, 2010 Minutes

Su motions to approve the December 13, 2010 minutes. Bob seconds. Vote on motion 6-0.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Checks processed were to Marc and Leah for studio tour expenses
- [Pam arrives]
- January 10, 2011 was the expiration date for recipient's of last year's grant. The 2 following are thus expired as they didn't request an extension.
 - i. Old Newbury Crafters \$1,500
 - ii. Merrimac Valley Concert Band \$400

3. Vote for New Chairperson

- Su is stepping down as co-chair. Any volunteers?
- Bob nominates Pam to serve as co-chair. Marc seconds. Vote on motion 8-0.

4. Other Business

a. Chain Bridge Collection

- Pam spoke with Deb Carey re. the Chain Bridge Collection (at Cultural Center at end of Studio Tour on Nov 14). Deb indicated that Bill Randolph on Deer Island is interested in finding a home for the collection, possibly helping refurbish etc.
- Who owns the collection? Deb indicated that she thought the Cultural Council did.
- Pam then spoke with Maureen Turgeon at the CC that same afternoon, who said that she thought the ACC bought the collection for \$4,000 a few years ago. From whom was the collection purchased? The ACC has been told that the Town bought the collection and the ACC is the custodian. [This information needs to be further researched]
- Would the Bartlett Museum want the collection?
- Pam will invite Bill Randolph and also Deb Carey and Maureen Turgeon to attend the February 7 meeting to gather info and ideas
- Is there any paperwork on the purchase? May be on a CD that we have.
- Rachel suggested the collection could be displayed at the transportation center?

- b. Pastel Workshop
 - The pastel teacher who received a grant will be doing his workshop on February 9, 2011. He had originally planned for the library, the ACC suggested he use the Cultural Center and he will be doing so. He can take up to 30 students.
- c. Café Musicians
 - Frank and Paul want to get the musicians that took part in the studio tours in to local cafes.
 - What are they looking for? How can the ACC help?
 - Su to contact Frank and Paul to see what type of help they need of us.
 - The Riverwalk Bead Shop has events that may be appropriate. Flatbread Pizza has music on Mondays.
- d. Brigg's Sculpture
 - We are waiting on the transportation center
 - Should we schedule a time to speak with the Mayor and his new chief of staff to keep the Brigg's Sculpture in the forefront, our role is to encourage.
- e. Rules for Proxy Voting
 - Need to look into further?
- f. State Grant Forms Survey
 - The state is looking for information on their forms, how would online applications work, etc.
- g. Grant Recipient
 - Who has Julia's original artwork? Did Mary return?
- h. Facebook/ACC Website
 - We should create a Facebook page for the cultural council. Including a link to the Town's Facebook page. How is the Town's site setup? "Like" versus "friend".
 - Rachel will create an ACC Facebook page, giving all ACC members administrative rights. She will set it up using the amesburycc@gmail.com
 - She will setup for people to "like".
- i. Other
 - Rachel asked if we wanted a new ACC logo? Suggested a logo contest. Will look more in to later.
 - The state cultural council conference is in February. Su went last year, thought it was worthwhile.
 - Bob motions to give Su a big thank-you for her work as co-chair. Renee seconds. Vote on motion 8-0. THANKS SU!!

Bob motioned to adjourn. Su seconded. Vote on motion 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Next meeting February 7, 2011 at 7pm at the Amesbury Cultural Center.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill

