

# Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting

February 7, 2011 7pm

Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

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**Members Present:** Pam Gilday, Renee Schneider, Su Bailey, Bob Laplante, Rachel Kohn, and Leah Hill

**Also Present:** Nate Cordova

1. Approval of January 10, 2011 Minutes

Bob motions to approve the January 10, 2011 minutes. Su seconds. Vote on motion 6-0.

2. Treasurer's Report

No action since January 10, 2011 meeting.

3. Chain Bridge Collection

- We have a list of the collection
- Pam, Renee and Rachel inventoried the collection, found “extra” pieces that weren’t on the original inventory.
- In 1999, the ACC bought the collection from Norm Lawler. This was done all at one time.
- ACC wanted to increase art, around the same time as the murals in downtown, stepping stones and an Indian Head sculpture. Chain Bridge Collection was bought for \$3,000.
- What should we do with the collection?
  - Resident on Deer Island interested?
  - Newburyport Art Association?
  - Reprints?
  - Custom House Museum-a gallery show?
  - What was the intent of the collection when bought?
  - Nate asked-is the Bartlett Museum interested?
  - Bob recommends getting an appraisal of the collection. Pam will contact McGinnis Auctioneers
  - We will invite Joanne Sullivan to attend an ACC meeting.
  - What about the collection displayed at the Transportation Center?

4. Connecting Visual & Performance Artists with Downtown Businesses

- Zydeko performance-Newburyport-March 4-ACC was asked to help promote, include on Facebook page, website, Joanna Hammond has the list of artists email.
- Can we send out emails to the studio list? Do we need a policy for distribution?
- Rachel will contact the Zydeko contact
- Zach & Ani’s would like to have visual displays
- Paul wants to connect performing artists
- HOW?

- Facebook page
- List of emails
- Create our own listserve
- Future agenda item-artists feedback on tour
- Nate questioned the ACC's role? Do we have any social calendar, have a St. Patrick's Day or Cinco de Mayo event? Rachel suggested that the Amesbury First group would be the right venue for these types of events

5. ACC Facebook Page

- Rachel set up, had to create under her name
- Administrative rights, want the whole ACC to have rights to update
- We should monitor through the gmail, take turns
- Post information about the Zydeko event
- Post a call to artists that Zach & Ani's is looking for artists to display their works

6. Grant Appeal for Application #26 (Potlatch Arts Program)

- This application was rated through our rating system #22 out of 28 applications
- Because of the low rating, Renee motions to use the denial reconsideration letter. Rachel seconds the motion. Vote on motion 6-0.
- We received 2 returned letters-CALM Valley and Merrimack Valley Concert Band- Renee will resend.
- Need to resolve what the January 15 deadline is for-disapproval or all letters?

7. Other Business

- Does Marc have grant writing workshop information? This is something we should include on the website.
- Studio Tour-November 5 & 6, 2011, with setup date on Friday, November 4, 2011. Pam will book the space.

Leah motioned to adjourn. Su seconded. Vote on motion 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting March 14, 2011 at 7pm at the Amesbury Cultural Center.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill

