

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting
March 11, 2010 7pm
Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

Present:

Su Bailey, Renee Schneider, Marc Lisle, Leah Hill, Bob Laplante, Pam Gilday, and Rachel Kohn

Absent: Lenny Turnquist, Mary Hichborn and Brian Thompson

1. Approval of February 11, 2010 Minutes

Bob motioned to approve the February 11, 2010 minutes. Pam 2nds. Vote on motion 6-0 (Rachel abstains as she was not in attendance of that meeting).

2. Treasurer's Report

- Received a voucher for Ruth Harcovitz performance (Boston's Julie Andrews)
- As of January 31, 2010, there is \$12,877.64 in the state grant account

3. LCC 2010 Assembly

Su attended and was able to talk with Representative Costello. He has volunteered his support to the Cultural Council. They discussed signage and a grants recipient lunch. Su will send a follow-up letter to Rep. Costello.

4. Website

- Pam was given the log-in information so that the Cultural Council can access our Town page
- We would like to add much more to the page, calendar, minutes, forms, etc.

5. Other

- UPCOMING EVENTS:
 - March 20 @ 2:30- Juggler in the Cultural Center
 - March 31 @ 10-Ed the Magician-Amesbury Elementary School
 - April 23 & 24-Newburyport Literary Festival
 - May 1 & 2-Cedar Street Open Studios
 - May-Youth Art Show
 - May 15-Amesbury First Sustainability Fair
 - September 30- Studio Tour deadline
 - October 15- Grant deadline
 - November 13 & 14- Amesbury Cultural Council Open Studio Tour

TOUR: Su will reserve the Cultural Center for Nov 12 (set-up), 13 & 14 for tour. The deadline for artists for the tour is September 30, this is also our deadline for raffle prizes so that the donations can be a part of the brochure. We will be sending an outreach email in April to the artists who have participated in the tour before to let them know of the deadline as well as another reminder in August.

MEMBER DRIVE: We have some members who haven't attended meetings in months, are they still a part of the ACC? Pam will contact Kendra as to the policy for inactive members.

ACTIVITIES: Rachel mentioned having a Mad Hatter's Parade and hat decoration (like Haverhill's shoe decoration). Anyone who wants to paint a hat, sponsor a hat could participate. What shape hat would we use? Possible for spring 2011. Involve Red Hat Ladies.

ARTISTS OF AMESBURY: Outreach for an artist of the month or just information about interesting artists that are from Amesbury. For example: Al Capp (wrote "Little Abner").

Steve of Ashley & Barnes is interested in orchestrating art in the downtown storefronts. Coordinate with Downtown Business Association, Amesbury First.

Can we as the ACC partner with the Amesbury First Fair as well as cross-promote with the Youth Art Show.

Leah motioned to adjourn. Bob seconds. Vote on motion 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next meeting April 8, 2010 at 7pm at the Amesbury Cultural Center.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill