

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting

March 14, 2011 7pm

Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

Members Present: Pam Gilday, Renee Schneider, Marc Lisle, David Andrew, Nate Cordova, Bob Laplante, and Leah Hill

1. Approval of February 7, 2011 Minutes

Bob motions to approve the February 7, 2011 minutes. David seconds. Vote on motion 7-0.

2. Treasurer's Report

- 1st voucher for the 2011 grants
 - \$435: Gregory Machack-pastel artist
- Currently our accounts are as follows:
 - Grant accounts
 - Other, studio tours, donations, etc
- When the State adopts new regulations regarding combining accounts, the city will do. One issue with the new regulations, provides for 4 weeks total to process a voucher. Not always reasonable.

3. Brainstorm Additional ACC Events

- Whitney Heimlech-Cedar St, wants to have her studio tour in November. This is a conflict with ACC studio tour. Better days would be in June. Renee will contact regarding the Youth Art Show. Bill Percy at the Chamber. Bertraum & Oliver-Joann, Owner, is the Chairman of the Amesbury First Committee. Amesbury Days is June 30-July 9.
- Marc-suggests Whitney hosts as a spring event
- May 21-Amesbury First Event
 - Youth Art Show-At same time?
 - Suggest Whitney Heimlech hosts her studio tour during the same time
 - Suggest Paul Magetchin-website and music as well as Katie-human statue

4. Chain Bridge Collection

- Pam handed out the inventory of the collection
- Pictures have been taken of collection
- Pam sent a request to McGinnis Auctioneer for appraisal
- The chair from the Chain Bridge collection is missing. Pam will check to see if Maureen Turdige has
- Do we want to loan out the collection?
- Potential-Custom House Museum-Newburyport
- Bob motions to authorize Pam to negotiate with the Custom House Museum to loan the Chain Bridge collection during spring/summer 2011. Marc 2nds. Vote on motion 7-0.
- Marc asks if they would pay for fixing the frames
- Bob states that they don't have much money
- The Bartlett Museum is open for tours from Memorial Day-Labor Day.
- April 28-Bartlett Museum meeting, should we attend?

- Future Transportation Center-chain bridge pictures would be appropriate there, transportation theme
5. Other
 - Senator Steve Baddour is having a listening session in Methuen regarding the Mass Cultural Council budget. We need to advocate to our reps re Cultural Council
 - Received a letter from Richard Kramer. He is not happy that we changed the Studio Tour Dates (Nov 5 & 6). Pam replied re. the date change
 6. ACC Facebook Page
 - Nate likes the Facebook page
 - All ACC members should post on the page
 - Coordinate with the website
 7. MORE-Brainstorm Additional ACC Events
 - Marc-ACC was approached by Steve Robinson a few years ago re. summertime movies in the amphitheater
 - Pam stated that the Chamber is planning to do that very idea this summer. Movies in the Millyard. Does the Chamber need help with this?
 - Pam suggested a future event with artists doing art outside, this happened in Lawrence. Would we need a permit for this?
 - Marc-Art could be displayed at the Cultural Center. This is something that we can do during Amesbury Days. Leah-Have artists at the Amesbury Treasures. Art can then be displayed at each site or at the cultural center. There is (maybe?) a walking tour, June 9, of the Treasures, by Peter Hoyt. The end of the walk can be a gallery event.
 - Stephanie had contacted the ACC regarding getting involved with Amesbury Days.
 - Painting during the tour, art of the various treasurers.
 - Leah suggested displaying the art at various businesses in downtown.
 - Suggested that we should facilitate versus being the custodian of the art.
 - BUT should coordinate a list of restaurants, etc, that want to display art in general. Zach & Ani's wants to display
 - Leah-on the Facebook page-put up info about artists can display at restaurants/stores, announce on town's facebook page, have them contact the gmail account.
 - Renee states that the bookstore had done a similar call to establishments
 8. Brainstorm ideas for Local Artist Survey
 - Discuss at future meeting as Rachel is interested in this topic
 9. MORE-OTHER
 - Youth Art Show-Does Renee need help? Yes-setup and judging.

David motioned to adjourn. Marc seconded. Vote on motion 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next meeting April 11, 2011 at 7pm at the Amesbury Cultural Center.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill

