

Amesbury Cultural Council (ACC) Meeting

Workspace 36

April 2, 2014, 7:00 pm

Members In Attendance: David Andrews, John Grant, Rachel Kohn, Leah Hill, Carley Monell, Bryan Riley, Steve Robinson, and Cynthia Taibbi

Also in Attendance: Bonnie David and Michelle DiMascio, prospective members and Ed Justen, Community Manager, Workspace 36, a co-working space.

Current, new, and prospective members introduced themselves to each other.

Minutes Approval

Rachel moved to accept the minutes for the January and February; Bryan seconded it; there was unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

No activity.

Leah submitted a receipt for \$49.95 from Stop and Shop for reimbursement for the balloons she purchased for the Studio Tour. Rachel moved to pay for them; Carley seconded it; there was unanimous approval.

Grantee Reception

At the Grantee Reception, scheduled for June 3, the Council wants to both recognize the grant recipients and also have members from the community to participate, in order to make it a social/networking event. Also the Council wants to highlight its positive role in Amesbury and "The Art of Community". Ed offered Workspace 36 as a venue.

What are the hooks?

Some suggestions:

- Make the event a celebration of Amesbury and its treasures.
- Offer food or drink. Bryan will reach out to local food establishments.
- Have an interesting speaker. The Mayor? Jane Ward, author? Margie Walker, librarian (grant recipient and member of community) who has just published a book?
- Have music: Andy Pratt? Merrimack Valley Philharmonic? Take away: Live Arts community. Speaker, a grant recipient. ?Librarian?
- Have Bryan read some poetry.
- Invite the theater group from Georgetown who has moved into the Sparhawk High School.

Studio Tour

Carley created several "Save the Date" postcards, which would be available at the Cedar Street open studio and throughout Amesbury. Suggestions were made to improve the design. One was chosen by consensus.

Miscellaneous

Leah suggested reserving the trolley for the Open Studio Tour dates now. Carley already reserved the Cultural Center and the Transportation Center. This is Steve's last meeting.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Workspace 36.

Carley motioned to adjourn the meeting; David seconded it; there was unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Robinson