

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting

May 9, 2011 7pm

Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

Members Present: Pam Gilday, David Andrew, Nate Cordova, Renee Schneider, Bob Laplante, and Leah Hill
Rachel Kohn and Marc Lisle (arrived later)

1. Approval of April 11, 2011 Minutes

Bob motions to approve the April 11, 2011 minutes. Renee seconds. Vote on motion 6-0.

2. Treasurer's Report

- 1 voucher-Richard Clark-Atticus-April 19
- Financial Report:
 - Grant Account as of 3/31/11: \$10,871.02
 - Gift Account as of 4/28/11: \$4,585.51
- In 2010, studio tour brochure cost :\$533.36
- Need to think of future endeavors for the gift account

3. Membership Update & Appointing New Co-Chair

- Renee's term expires in June
- Term dates are on the MCC page-Pam will send
- Call to new members-Mary-PR?

[Rachel arrives at 7:15]

- Amesbury First members would be good
 - Artists: Jinzi, Nancy Plant (Bead Shop), Ann Johnson (Artists Muse)
 - Send solicitations-email list
 - Renee would Barbara from 14 Cedar St. send out email to group
- [Marc arrives]
- Co-chair position-on July agenda

4. Amesbury Days Community Wet Paint Exhibit

- Pam has tried connecting with Stephanie McGowan and hasn't heard back about the wet paint exhibit
- Pam suggests removing the exhibit from this year's Amesbury Days
- Rachel suggests doing at the Fall Festival (but this is right before the studio tour)
- What about Amesbury Days 2012?
- Marc suggests calling first before we cancel
- Pam to contact by phone and suggest doing next year-next year we could connect with the Amesbury Treasures group
- Rachel asks if the Amesbury Treasures have any of their own events throughout the year-we could co-sponsor

5. Chain Bridge Collection-Maritime Museum

- Pam gave the curator of the Maritime Museum, Kevin, a copy of the new photobook and pictures on CD of the Chain Bridge Collection along with the latest word document.
- September/October 2011-Chain Bridge Collection-Main Event

- When would the launch date be?
- Who to invite?: Amesbury, Newburyport mayors and councilors
- Pam will contact Amesbury mayor regarding his availability for the launch event
- The museum will be using all of our Chain Bridge collection, including the chest of drawers. Is the walking stick still missing?
- We have identified the 3rd Furlough
- The Maritime Museum is not open all year, there will be 4 shows this year.

6. ACC Facebook Page

- All members should post information on our ACC facebook page
- Include members drive
- Nate suggests an Uncle Sam like campaign-I want you.
- What are the eligibility requirements?
- Youth Art Show has a facebook page, include the brochure on our website
- Does Facebook allow files or just pictures?

7. Local Artist Survey-Subcommittee

- What information do we want to obtain through this survey?’
- i. If artists want their name on an inventory, have them click to fill a separate survey, if they have participated in previous tours, then have part 2
- ii. Survey feedback on survey monkey
- Marc-if we receive feedback on the tour by September, we should be able to incorporate the suggestions in to this year’s tour
- Renee-we shouldn’t ask about last year’s tour, but instead what we can change for the future
- Marc suggests asking artists to volunteer for the studio tour
- Rachel- Haverhill’s cultural council is having a reception for all of their grantees
- Renee- facilitate an event for artists to get together
- Bob-need the inventory, Amesbury Resources
- Leah-use the facebook page for promoting the cultural center. Pam will put on the page.
- Renee-Lucy’s Love Bus is having an art auction at the cultural center May 14. Pam will check in to with Allison in City Hall.
- Rachel & Su-survey subcommittee?

8. MA Cultural Council Regulations & Guidelines

- Waiting on when new guidelines are implemented

9. Cultural Districts

- Leah gave background on the cultural districts
- Pam suggests for the next meeting, members should review the material on cultural districts to be able to talk more about this topic.
- Marc- more art can be inspired in the cultural district
- Nate-include the historic commission in discussions. Also, what about the “dark side” of the town?
- Incorporate information and wet paint exhibit
- Reach out to the Treasures

10. Other Business

- Rachel suggests having meetings on another day
- Rachel motions to change meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

- Leah seconds the motion.
- Vote on motion 8-0.

[Next meeting though June 21, 2011].

Renee motioned to adjourn. Marc seconded. Vote on motion 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Next meeting June 21, 2011 at 7pm at the Amesbury Cultural Center.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill