

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting

June 21, 2011 7pm

Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

Members Present: Pam Gilday, David Andrew, Su Bailey, Bob Laplante, Leah Hill, Rachel Kohn and Allison McGonagle and Mary Hichborn and Renee Schneider (arrives late)

Also Present: Meggan Pryor and Carly_____

1. Approval of May 9, 2011 Minutes

Bob motions to approve the April 11, 2011 minutes. Rachel seconds. Vote on motion 5-0 (Su abstains).

2. Treasurer's Report

- 1 voucher-3rd voucher: Rocco Bruno-Celebration of Song
 - \$400 May 7, 2011

[Mary arrives]

3. Membership

- Allison-new member.
- Asked how did she hear about the Amesbury Cultural Commission? Answer: FACEBOOK!!
- Renee & Su are leaving the commission
- Mary will be gone starting in December this year, she wants to stay on the Commission but understands if we want a full-year member.
- Rachel: We receive grant applications in October, still possible for Mary to still vote

4. LCC Guidelines/Grants

- New LCC guidelines July 1-should start grant process earlier
- Pam gave background on the grant process
- Everyone needs to review the guidelines
- If members are coming up on their 3 years on the ACC, do we need to do anything to remain on the ACC? Not with the state, but do we need to do anything to be reappointed by the mayor?

5. New co-chair

- Going to wait until fall to vote on new co-chair

[Renee arrives]

More LCC Guidelines

- No co-mingling of funds
- New requirements for processing vouchers-within 4 weeks. David and Mary are available for signing checks.
- Received an email asking whether we accepted Capital Expenditure Requests?
 - Do we receive?
 - If yes, do we accept online?
 - Pam asked Jennifer Lawless, yes, eligible to grant as long as we didn't create a regulation stating that we don't allow
 - Should wait until July 18, 2011
 - Bob-who has funds? The State?

- We should all review the background

Other-Meeting Dates

- Can't have meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month because of the use of the Cultural Center
- Should we cancel our July meeting?
- What about the 1st Tuesday of the month? What are other options? Could we use other meeting spaces?
- Pam will let us know of the next meeting date

6. Chain Bridge Collection

- Our collection is on museum's website
- Need to connect Mary & Mike for PR
- First Fridays of the month at Maritime Museum-ACC is invited
- Su gave background on the Chain Bridge Collection
- Rachel questions what happens when exhibit is over? Will we have to take the pieces away right away? We have the studio tour right after that. The Museum closes for the winter, could they hold the collection for the winter?
- McGinnis-do we want to get an appraisal?
- What to do in the future with the collection? Bartlett Museum? Marc to get in touch with them.
- Would we gift or loan the collection?
- Su-what happens if we sell the collection?
- Leah-will contact appraisers

7. Cultural Districts

- Creating Cultural Districts is something that the ACC would support, but being the lead for this is for others. We would definitely support the efforts.
- Who should be the lead? Chamber or Planning Office
- Should we send a letter-stating the above?
- Pam will take a first attempt at a letter

8. Questionnaire

- Rachel created
 - a. Artist Inventory
 - b. Experience of studio tour
- Should we use survey monkey?
- Have 2 separate lists?
- Renee-how do we get the surveys out to people?
- Cedar St? Joanna Hammond's list
- Do we want only Amesbury artists to do the survey?
- Pam-should we have a paper copy at the tour?
- We wanted to have comments before this tour and also to recruit volunteers
 - Newspaper article
 - Facebook page
 - Include information on survey to "like us" on Facebook
 - Have the survey out in August
 - What other information do we want?
 - Tour?
 - Grant-education

- Inventory

9. Events/Announcements

- Post on Facebook!
- Use the Facebook calendar

10. Other Business

- Henry Lappin received partial funding. He questioned whether he could still receive funding if he's not at Amesbury Days? Can he switch an event?
- Answer: If he's at Amesbury Days, he can switch within the Amesbury Days schedule, but staying at Amesbury Days.

Pam motioned to adjourn. Rachel seconded. Vote on motion 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill