

Amesbury Cultural Council (ACC) Meeting

14 Cedar Street

July 2, 2013, 7:00 pm

Members In Attendance: David Andrews, Leah Hill, Bob LaPlante, Carley Monell, Brian Riley and Steve Robinson

The feedback was very positive from the Grant Recipients' meeting at the Jon P Mooers Artists Gallery and Studio. The ACC wants to find a way to thank Jon for hosting the meeting. Carley will write a letter to the editor of the *Newburyport Daily News* thanking him.

There was discussion about membership on the ACC and recruiting members. It seems that there has been a string of new members that have quickly come and gone. Do those interested know what is involved? It was suggested that a person thinking of joining the Council should attend a meeting. Leah will write up a description of what is involved to put on the website. Also how can we make the ACC more fun?

Treasurer's Report

One grant: Youth Art Show recipient did not have proper paperwork to process its grant. Bob contacted the grantee and provided information on the proper paperwork required.

The Chain Bridge collection at the Mooers Gallery has to come down. Carley will contact Jon and find out what the ACC has to do and will send an email.

ACC Guidelines for Grants

The Massachusetts Cultural Council has established certain requirements / guidelines for grants. Beyond that, we can set additional guidelines, based on our priorities. (E.g., Our first priority is to Amesbury artists.)

Some suggestions:

- More Amesbury-based, more public art
- Grants that has a longer effect on the community
- For field trip applicants, add a paragraph that describe how the field trip relates to the curriculum/community
- A suggest 10% cap of the total grants budget for field trips (There is a wide range of responses to field trips among Mass councils.)
- Field trips will be assessed compared to other field trips
- Good planning.

For the next meeting, Carley will bring in our current grant matrix. Come with specific language for ACC Guidelines.

Studio Tour

Carley handed out copies of the Studio Tour application for review. The application has to get out soon, this year it is due on August 30 (vs. September 15). The application can be completed online or on paper; the check must be sent in the check separately.

Other things to consider:

- Yankee magazine – David
- Sponsorship
- Passport program
- Putting grant recipients names in the newspaper.

Our meeting ended with Brian sharing some of his poetry.

Leah motioned to adjourn the meeting; David seconded it. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Robinson