

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting

Amesbury Health Center

July 10, 2012, 7:00 pm

Members In Attendance: David Andrews, Mary Hichborn, Leah Hill, Bob LaPlante, Alison McGonagall, Carley Monell, and Steve Robinson

1. Treasurer's Report

- Gifts/donation account:
 - Reimbursement to Carley Monell--\$58.65 for Business Cards for Amesbury Cultural Council
 - \$27.43 for Amesbury Studio Tour.com Domain renewal for three years
- State grant:
 - \$200—Amesbury Youth Art Show
 - \$550—John Root-Senior citizen musical, Council on Aging
- Richard Clark, *Educating Rita* wrote a letter to switch to *Love Letters*. Mary motioned to accept the change in date. Carley seconded it. Unanimous approval.
- Paypal: Carley set up an account at no charge. She will do a test run to see if she is able to issue check.

2. June Events Debrief

- A positive experience; there were more people than expected; a positive reaction
- No visual artists
- Carley/Leah did an awesome job and are to be commended; Music good touch.
- Networking goal met; there were new people
- Good meeting grant recipients; Boys' and Girls' club sent photos of camera program; grant recipients appreciative
- We should do it again next year; in the future grant applications, do we mention recognition meeting? Mention meeting in grant award letter. Do earlier next time. Early May- Monday ok. May 13, 2013?

Transportation Sculpture unveiling in September (Leah will send out information.)

3. Newsletter

- Article on Transportation Center sculpture- September
- Target late August, Early September.
- Include: introduction, more volunteers, grant applications, open studio tour

4. Studio Tours (November 10 & 11)

- Trolley-too expensive? Could Chamber of Commerce provide \$? Any other way to provide transportation (ie., Council on Aging)
- Can Cultural Council apply for a grant for the Studio Tours? Studio tours are self-funded.
- 14 Cedar St. group rate? Carly will contact
- Chamber of Commerce – Alison will reach out to meet with a couple of members
- Dance studios in Amesbury? – Steve will contact Rap N Tap (daughter's studio)
- Amesbury Public Schools – Steve will reach out

- Carriage museum?
- Applications due September 15.

Should Cultural Council sponsor other events?

New ideas: artist who paints really fast, from MA; environmental art; mural; dance; yoga; Nature: Lake Gardner; edible plants, something with Cider Hill; for future discussion.

5. Grant Cycle Publicity & Outreach

Applications are due in October . Additional formats for applications. Carley on Facebook send out teaser. Come together. Community art? Publicity next month. Copies of application in Library. Posters around town. Facebook. Schools.

6. New Member Recruitment

Alison knows someone who may be interested will hear next month

Mary will put notice in newspaper-Daily News

Merrimack Valley Magazine – Alison will contact.

Other Business: Next meeting on August 7.

Leah motions to adjourn meeting. Carley seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Robinson