

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting
August 12, 2010 7pm
Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

Present: Su Bailey, Bob Laplante, Mary Hichborn, Renee Schneider, Rachel Kohn, David Andrews, and Leah Hill

Absent: Marc Lisle, Lenny Turnquist, and Brian Thompson

1. Approval of July 15, 2010 Minutes

Su motioned to approve the July 15, 2010 minutes. Mary seconds. Vote on motion 4-0 (Bob, Rachel and David abstain).

2. Treasurer's Report

Processed vouchers for:

- Amesbury Public Library-Summer Reading
- Amesbury Youth Art Show
- Access to the Arts
- 8 vouchers of a total of 21 have been processed this year.
- Su questioned whether anyone has heard from the Green Artist League (haiku)? They received an extension from last year's grant.
- Rachel motioned to approve the reimbursement for \$12.95 for Su for food she bought for the local artist meeting at the 7/15/10 meeting. David seconds. Vote on motion 6-0 (Su abstained).

3. Studio Tour

- Need to set up a time for the web subcommittee to meet to get going on the webpage for the studio tour (Pam, Rachel, Leah, Mary, Marc, Rachel)
- Contact Pam Farren for the Studio blogspot
- Mary questioned which artists we should recommend if newspapers ask for a recommendation for a studio tour article: Some ideas: Joan Getsner, B Design, Ann Johnson. Leah to recommend Ann Johnson for the Northshore Magazine, as the first recommendation of Two Rivers Ceramics haven't gotten back to Northshore Magazine.
- Su and Renee were contacted by Paul MacEachern, a local musician, who wants to get involved with the studio tours. He wants to gather local musicians to play at the studio tour in various locations throughout the weekend. Questioned what about the musicians that have played at previous year tours? They will also be involved if they want. Su and Renee to meet with Paul and Barbara on Monday, August 15 at Cedar Street. Some of the topics will be "music location hot spots", creating a map and layout for the studio tours as well as a Facebook page.
- At the next ACC meeting (September 9), we need to go through the task list to see what everyone is doing for the tour.
- Rachel will send out an email reminder to artists re. the application deadline of September 30.
- Do we want another application reminder in the newspaper? It should go in the paper right after Labor Day. Mary will contact the newspaper as well as contact cable TV as well.
- Are there applications in town hall? Mary offered to put paper applications in the library and Town Clerk's office in Town Hall.

- Need to work on obtaining raffle prizes. Mary will send an email to the group re. companies who donated last year, if ACC members can choose a few places each, we can get this done ahead of time. Selling point, the raffle prize is listed in the brochure.
 - For raffle tickets, a ticket buyer would put their names on all tickets they purchase, but instead of writing out their address on each ticket, they will put their name and address in a notebook with the ticket #s. This makes it easier to send out the prizes as well. One question when people come in to the tour/buy raffle tickets is how did you hear about the tour?
 - Balloons: Do we want the artists at different locations to pick up balloons? YES. The ACC will pay for the balloons and let each location know to pick them up.
 - Do we want to try and get food donations for the food table at the studio tour in the cultural center?
 - Brochure: Group decided on the colors of cranberry and cream.
4. Other Business
- Mary met with Julie regarding her pencil sketches of Amesbury and provided her with information on grant applications.
 - David did his Massachusetts Cultural Council training

Bob motioned to adjourn. Leah seconds. Vote on motion 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Next meeting September 9, 2010 at 7pm at the Amesbury Cultural Center.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill