

**Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting
September 9, 2010 7pm
Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard**

Present: Su Bailey, Bob Laplante, Mary Hichborn, Renee Schneider, Marc Lisle, David Andrews, Pam Gilday and Leah Hill

Also Present: Barbara Lorenc, Frank Czar

Absent: Rachel Kohn

1. Tour/Website/Music

- Frank Czar discussed Paul’s website. This website was created as a tool to recruit musicians for the studio tour.
- Paul’s website has lots of information that the ACC was looking to accomplish...could the ACC studio tour use Paul’s site as a template for our tour page?
- Paul is fine with giving the ACC administrative rights to his page and to merge sites, Marc will work with Paul and also the website subcommittee
- Discussed the idea of small studios coming to the larger sites, but decided that the artists would prefer being in their own studios.
- Renee spoke with Joann at Bertram & Oliver’s, she would love to have artists exhibit in her store and other downtown stores during the tour. Is it too late to exhibit in storefronts?
- The studio tour form to go on the new page
- Currently, the studio tour applications go from Bob to Rachel to Marc, Frank discussed google docs and how they are a way to share data, allowing for internal sharing via centralization.
- For the merger site, we will use the amesburystudiotour.com address
- Pam questioned whether the music section should be split on individual sites? Frank: even though there is the “main tour event”, the November ACC tour, there is the possibility for visitors to take their own “tours” throughout the year.
- Leah discussed having a cultural council email address, adds to consistency from year to year and keeps people private email private. Su will set up a new email.
- Renee stated that from October to December, there will be artwork in the Provident Bank (both locations), do we want to include this in the tour brochure? Only problem is the bank is probably not open the same time as the tour hours.
- Raffle for the tour, need to solicit at various stores in town

Pam	Jeweltown Glospa Trendsetters
Renee	Bertraum & Oliver’s
David	Ristorante Molise Phat Cat Ovedia Annarosa Wild Garlic
Mary	Face to Face
Leah	AleHouse/Barking Dog/Firehouse Zach & Ani’s
Marc	Real Bodies Zemanian Jewelers

	Crafters' Quarters
Su	Flatbread Pizza Riverwalk Bead Shop
???	All About You

2. Grant

- Who is the keeper of the grants? Can individual members dispose of old applications?
- Where are old grant applications kept? Can the official copies be kept at town hall?
- Su will email Allison re. storage at town hall.
- Mary will put a reminder article in the newspaper reminding grant applicants of the October 15 deadline
- Mary also volunteered to bring the grant applications to the library

3. Treasurer's Report

- Three reimbursements:
 - i. Su Bailey (refreshments for artist meeting)
 - ii. Grant payment, On Stage \$500
 - iii. Merrimack Valley Philharmonic \$200
- 10 of the 20 grant recipients have been vouchered from this year's grant have been
- 8 more tour applications in August have been received, 3 in September, TOTAL=21
- Bob is working with the Town of Amesbury on the annual financial report to the state, due September 30.
- Su received an email from the MCC re. the total Amesbury would receive this year. The total is \$4,700.

4. Approval of August 12, 2010 Minutes

Su motioned to approve the August 12, 2010 minutes. David seconds. Vote on motion 7-0(Marc abstains).

5. Studio Tour

- TO DO:
- Next month: go through to-do list
- Should we do fewer brochures? Seems that we always have leftovers
- Could we do larger directional signs for the sandwich boards, laminate.
- Leah asked about doing a food drive, but it would be hard for people to carry cans, etc

6. Other Business

- Open sculpture at Maudsley is Sept. 12
- Web subcommittee needs to decide when next to meet

Bob motioned to adjourn. Leah seconds. Vote on motion 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Next meeting October 14, 2010 at 7pm at the Amesbury Cultural Center.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill

