



Amesbury Cultural Council
14 Cedar Street
Tuesday, October 9, 2019

Members present: Cheryl Desjardin (CD), Bonnie Brady (BB), Louisa Wilson (LW) - Secretary, Caitlin Thayer (CT), Delia Rinaldi (DR), Kate Currie (KC) – Co-Chair, Shannon Carroll (SC) – Co-Chair,
Non-voting attendees: Stephen Wagner (SW) – Poet Laureate, Tim Reid (TR), Daisy Reid (DR), Courtney Jordan (CJ), Lainie Senechal (LS)

I. Call to order at 7:01 pm (SC)

II. Secretary's Minutes (9/10/19)

DR made motion to approve. BB seconded. Unanimous approval.

III. Treasurer's Report (CT)

The Council's finances continue to be in good shape, despite Studio Tour expenses. CT will go through the list of Studio Tour registrants/sponsors to see who still needs to pay. SC had a question about how staff change in City Hall might affect getting payment checks cut. Taking possible delays into account, CT submitted check requests ahead of time, for John Travano.

SC – asking about invoice for Lucas Flach. Lucas needs to submit an invoice for picking up and dropping off A-frames because last year, he didn't get paid. If he commits to helping with A-frames, the Council agreed to pay \$150. BB will let him know.

CD made motion to approve \$150 for Lucas Flach. DR seconded. Unanimous approval.
Tip for trolley driver – taken out of raffle money. No check needed.

IV. Art at City Hall Update (BB)

Art at City Hall committee made leadership changes. BB will lead Art at City Hall team, LS is secretary, CD is graphic designer, DR will take lead of set up team.
In the next quarter, committee will switch over to a Google form for submissions, so we get all the right info for the labels.

Would like to recommend themes for next show, which starts Jan 10: Escape, Into the Light, and Veiled. Majority vote went to Veiled.

BB requested funds for plates, napkins, and other paper goods for receptions. SC – purchased supplies for something else, so she'll give them to the committee.

For Spring, committee thinks it could be a school show, and LS will approach Amesbury Middle School. The spring show will be up for Amesbury Days.

SC – we should discuss including Sparhawk.

LS – most art work from schools is on paper, so framing can be an issue (process and cost and consistency of display). Committee will discuss the guidelines of how to submit, including how the artwork should be mounted/framed/displayed.

BB – For the summer exhibition, the Carriage Museum would like a show. The Art at City Hall committee moves for the Council to approve their request for a show of best photos from the Carriage Museum’s industrial photographers tours.

CT made motion to approve the Carriage Museum show, CD seconded. Unanimous.

V. Poet Laureate Support Committee (LS & SW)

The committee met last night with the selection committee to look at applicants. They came up with refined questions and are now looking at dates for scheduling interviews. LS’s plan is to settle everything in October. Two strong candidates.

SW – wrote two poems on Amesbury Treasures.

SW doing trivia at BareWolf for Friends of the Library.

VI. Studio Tour Update

The Council went over remaining tasks and made assignments.

Facebook – only highlighting artists who submitted images.

There were some artists who sought to register after the deadline:

First artist (above Hempire) wants to be involved. She’s not on social so didn’t know about registration. KC and SC decided to waive the fee. BB – tell her to put out a sign.

Matthew Parker, another artist who wants to participate. SC - no space left in City Hall.

He can reach out to Barbara at 14 Cedar Street to see if there are open spaces. Same situation with another artist.

Kim O’Rourke wants to set up her Mary Kay table outside City Hall. Council says no.

VIPs to invite – Mayor, Jim Sullivan, and other media people. SC and KC will do.

Brochures – drop off at locations:

BB – Chamber, Carriage Museum

LS – Yogasmith and Health Matters

CT – Zach Fields Drums @ Tradesmill, Dolan, Gould, Injeeri Rugs, In Home Design

Courtney – Willie Joe’s, Wild Dove

LW – Hedgehog, Institute for Savings

SC – Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank, City Hall, Credit Union

KC – Sparhawk

Tour guides – Kate recruiting two more. SW can work on the trolley both days. Maybe SW will write trolley poem.

KC – will order and pick up balloons (Stop & Shop) – 3 per trolley stop, extra for City Hall, red/orange/gold.

Tour participant signs – SC will deliver the week of the Studio Tour.

Raffle – BB, CD, LW, DR to organize raffle items: grouping, determine what else is needed (bottle of wine, baskets, cellophane, etc.) 2-3 sessions to organize. Frames for gift card.

Determine signage, display needs, extra items, etc. Council approves \$100 for miscellaneous filler, as well as cost of raffle tickets and cellophane.

SC – will create shift schedule for Studio Tour weekend and circulate it to the Council.

VII. Adjourn

DR made motion to adjourn at 8:18pm. CD seconded. Unanimous.