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September 4, 2025 6:30pm-8:30pm

Usually Meets 1st Tuesday of Every Month

WELCOME 6:32 pm Ann welcomes everyone at **14 Cedar Street** to order.

AJ does the **ROLL CALL**: Members Present: **Ann Johnson(AJ)**, **Amy Vander Els, (AV)**, **Laura Kozlowski DeVincent (LD)**, **Margaret Leahy(ML)** **Bailey Campbell (BC)** **Joanne Barnes(JB)** **Bonnie Brady(BB)** **Aimie Westfall, Kirsten Costa (KC)**

NOT PRESENT: **Bryan Riley(BR)** **Rachel Wallace (RW)**

•**Sally Nutt(SN)** *showed up 45 min before we adjourned.*

Approval of August Minutes with amended to change Motion by AJ , BC Second AV , Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: Emily is here to come check us out and has applied for some grants and is curious how we pick grants. We helped her understand how to apply better in the future.

Yetti Frenkel is chair of West Newbury CC visiting us to see how we run our meetings.

TREASURER REPORT:

•**Gifts Account:** 12,000 as of August. 3600 in unipay and a small check (roughly 3700) all grant funds have been dispersed except for Wave Mural.

•**Open studios:** 18 registered businesses for Open Studios. (*Owed 5800 from business and artists owed 2750*)

• **Grants Account:** We did NOT get the 5000 grant from MCC. we really need to push for sponsors!

GRANTS REPORT: Didn't get the grant because we aren't as diverse as a community.

MARKETING REPORT: (Bailey) reached out to Carol Bartlett at the schools and William Donohue to get Open Studios on the calendar. Permit requests are in and approved for the banners. AV mentions that maybe do some reels interviewing people who received grants to help answer questions. Pollinator garden people may be a good one to interview as well. Live Well Fest will be on Saturday.

CULTURAL CENTER RENOVATION UPDATE: (AW) some roadblocks and next meeting we will be sending drafts of policy and then check back in January. There is an un-resolved water and dust from the ceiling and it gets dirty quickly. Meeting with inspectors to see how to make bathrooms ADA compatible. Trails and Sails

open house will be cancelled for this year.

ART AT CITY HALL: Costello will be up until October, the theme will be “outside my window” Ann won’t be here to hang the next show. Tentatively the call would go out at the end of this week and close in a week and a half and pick the art and drop off on the 30th and hang on Oct 1. It can get pushed out a week but needs to discuss with the rest of the committee. This may be the last show in City Hall. It may be used for youth services moving forward.

PUBLIC ART: Kate Delaney is doing a new mural at Eclipse Salon

POET LAUREATE: n/a AJ says she looked back at notes about the fiscal responsibility for PL committee. We are sponsoring/supporting and moving forward we need to talk more about this. Do we want to sponsor and control some of it? We are open to it but wanted to get some more financial documents. We will wait for his report.

JUNETEENTH: AJ- Are we sponsoring/supporting and moving forward we need to talk more about this. Do we want to sponsor and control some of it? We are open to it but wanted to get some more financial documents. We will wait for his report. Will we take it on as a project? Need some oversight definition and need to Vote on Oct 7 before he submits his grant application. This year we paid 850.

OPEN STUDIOS: ML We have 16 sponsors giving monetary. Some have been asking for past sponsors, mixed success. Those people need a follow up. We will set a strong deadline for Sept **30** to get sponsorships printed in brochures. We discussed maybe getting a “friend” of a tour as an option for more financial support in the future when we have the CCenter open and maybe have a sponsor wall for donors.

55 artists are registered. Usually we have 100. If artists pay ie. Barewolf, they may get more traffic at their business.

Motion to pay 2000 for Music for Open Studios this year(4 Artists acoustic each day) AV and ML seconds Unanimous

Expenses:

- Printing quote for postcards(Vistaprint) for 500 with free shipping **115.80**
- 4 Banners (Northeast Digital Imaging) and signs for 2424x 36 single single sided**1605***

**LD will reach out to Joe Ganucio at NEDP to see about donating*

- 1000 brochures (6 inches across and same height as last year) **1485**

TOTAL: 5640.00

MOTION TO APPROVE up to 5700.00 FOR MARKETING FOR OPEN STUDIOS BB, AV seconds. Unanimous

•**Raffle:** BB- permit for a raffle and not a silent auction. 10.00 for raffle tickets City Hall will be where the raffle will be held. We have a pool of volunteers this year to ask to help. Will put raffle items in the CC.

Can we have a council member collect money and then transfer a lump sum to the city after the raffle?

New Business and Matters not Anticipated:

Mcc list of participants to Cart to Culture will be reinstated next year.

Dates on the Calendar :

October 14 Flatbreads fundraiser

****October 7 next ACC meeting 6pm (vote on brochure)**

Oct 22 Mixer ACM (Melissa Kieser) 6-8pm

Oct 28 second meeting in place of November meeting 6:30pm

8:19pm Motion to adjourn seconds SN, BC seconds...Unanimous.

Laura b. Kozlowski DeVincent