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Usually Meets 1st Tuesday of Every Month

WELCOME 6:30 pm Ann welcomes everyone at 14 Cedar Street. Call to order.

AJ does the **ROLL CALL**: Members Present: **Sally Nutt(SN)** **Ann Johnson(AJ)**, **Amy Vander Els, (AV)**, **Laura Kozlowski DeVincent (LD)**, **Margaret Leahy(ML)** **Aimie Westphal**, **Bailey Campbell (BC)** **Joanne Barnes(JB)** **Rachel Wallace (RW)** **Bryan Riley(BR)** **Bonnie Brady(BB)** **Kirsten Costa (KC)**

Sally Nutt, Ellie O'Leary not present.

Approval of April Minutes with amended to change "applying for the 6000 grant for operating use" and not "festivals" Motion by AJ , Second ML Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cat Debrocki: Wave mural wrapping up and install for June. 25 Tile making workshops ,still doing tile making kits, sponsor a tile for a local business with your logo at 100/200/300 tiers

The Center - non profit art center campaign for seed money fundraiser at Barewolf May 17. Kristen Costa-Amesbury Festival. Woon Chul-here for Juneteenth

TREASURER REPORT: Gifts Account: Poet Laureate stipend has been paid. \$16,000 balance per city's finance report less encumbered funds leave the balance in this account at \$13,000+.

Grants Account: the Lion's Club/Live Well Amesbury Festival has requested reimbursement of \$900; balance of this account is \$4370.

MARKETING REPORT: Bailey has set up two new email accounts. A. amesburycc.communications and B. amesburycc.treasurer@gmail.com The Merchant advert went through and we posted the calendar for public art. Bus poster for the top of the bus will cost 150/year and Meva will waive the first year. They are looking for ideas . Maybe we post the Open Studio tour information?

CULTURAL CENTER RENOVATION UPDATE: Megan Fahey and Aimee talk about the background on the Cultural Center. Original proposal is passed around. Reno is almost complete, some things didn't pan out yet but what we need now is a plan on how to manage the space. Who, and how people use it. Need to find a third party consultant to write a proposal. There will be a lot of players involved. Need to find a strong communicator. Council will be providing their vision. Include a person for staffing. An opportunity to feed that moving forward. Activate the space, provide human resources for it. Imperative that we move quickly so it doesn't get consumed by others. 150,000 has been spent on this so far.

What are the expenses for the consultant, 2500... plan and what else does this include? Do we start with a sub committee that will talk with the consultant? A plan/proposal needs to figure out how the calendar works,

who manages it, who has keys, the administrative side. What is the specific programming for year one? What is required for an hour and financial resources? A tool to help communicate with the mayor's office to show her what it will take for an active thriving space. Maybe first start with a subcommittee and look for a consultant while we do our rough draft?

What is the time frame? Something by the end of June. Soft guidelines. We should be ready for our June meeting! Don't want to get too far beyond this without a proposal...

The subcommittee needs to be public. Agenda, location, 48 hours announcement, and open to the public. Will send out an email to see who is on the committee. PR email needs to be on this for Bailey.

OPEN STUDIOS 2025: 5000 for trolley. Mel is in again for 2000 and is open to sharing the sponsorship to another business. We need 3000 more for this sponsorship

ML makes a motion for 200 deposit for trolley,, BBseconds, Unanimous.

Sip and stroll for July 17, August 7. Maybe we can use this as a fundraiser? A signature cocktail?

ART AT CITY HALL: June 24 art comes down. After this Costello photos come up on June 25. Mayor Gove in charge of organizing this. Will have to know where and when the next show after Costello.

PUBLIC ART:

- a. **Pride stairs update:** Sunday May 18 10-3 pride stairs are being painted. Stairs can be a temporary thing, the state of the stairs is a bit in disrepair. June 29 1-3 is the Pride event in Amesbury. Will have a table ready for this event.
- b. City of Danvers and N. Adams, both reached out on the crosswalks, and how we painted them. Ann responded.

POET LAUREATE: waiting for Ellie to come back from Rome. The first annual poetry fest at Barewolf was packed, great press in the Newburyport news! A great success! Poetry month was great, with the library and around the city. Lucky to be in a rich region of the arts, would be great to cross promote. The calendar of readings hasn't been sent out yet, and need to figure out the next support committee meeting Claire from the library will be a rep, who is a rep from Whittier home? Never voted on a budget for poetry fest. 300 has been spent, and 300 balance. Last year we had voted on paying 600 for readings in addition to the city grant: no funds received from the city so ACC committed to \$1300 for the readings budget. Lisa can make proposals for funds. Her term ends in January and isn't sure if she will renew her term. Whittier home has a separate fund for PL.

Juneteenth Celebration Update(Woon Chul Fisher): since our last meeting. Received the 3000 grant and got fundraising to cover the majority of the event. Expenses are going 850.00 short of the fundraising and grant. All speakers and poets are set. Pending on a few details regarding special events permit. Mayor has approved it. Waiting on the police department to see if we need a police detail and if so how much will it cost or if they will waive it. Hopefully the police will be supportive. It is a new event so they could charge a fee for

their detail service. If he can't fund it, he would cut the music, this would give 2050.00 surplus. Band will be outside of Zach fields, and speakers inside. Food vendor has 1800 min of sales. No way to gauge how many will attend and purchase food. Hopefully a great turnout, weather permitted. Event will be 11-2. Looking for 850 from the council and to cover the difference in the food sales, police detail etc....

Motion to vote 850 to cover some of his expenses, BB, BC, Unanimous.

Motion to vote up to 1800 for potential shortfall - NONE.

New Business and Matters not Anticipated:

Moving June meeting from 1st Tuesday to the **2nd Tuesday June 10. Location TBD**

Dates on the Calendar :

May 8 ACM event

May 21 Nature in your Neighborhood

May 27 Art on the lawn

June 10 Next meeting!

Motion to adjourn LD, BC seconds...Unanimous.

Laura b. Kozlowski