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**January 7, 2025 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Usually Meets 1st Tuesday of Every Month

**WELCOME 6:35 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 (LK)**, **Margaret Leahy(ML)** **Aimie Westphal**, **Bryan Riley(BR)** **Bailey Campbell (BC)** **Ellie O'leary (EO)**

**Absent:** **Joanne Barnes(JB)** **Madison Barnes(MB)** **Rachel Wallace (RW)**

**Approval of December minutes: MB seconds AV, unanimous**

**Public Comment:** Woon Chul is starting a Juneteenth committee starting Thursday Jan 16 at the library at 3pm. Would love volunteers and looking for funding. We received a thank you from Laurie Douglass from Eco Gardens, she is excited for the grant for this year. She is looking forward to increasing biodiversity one plant at a time.!

**Treasurer report (AV):** 16,429.18 Gift accounts *Grants account:* 2670.27 Applying for 6000 grant in Feb from the MCC for use operating expenses, which we would like to receive for Open Studios. Looking at an estimate for year ahead for expenses/income: deposits could be +20,000 and expenses -14,000

**Marketing (ML)** it has been quiet but thinking about 1x month for newsletter and 2x when things start up in May or June. ML wants to continue with the newsletter but wants help with social media/website. Bailey has offered to help

**Open studios:** Nothing to report

**Art at City Hall** Mayor Gray exhibit is up now and the next show will be the River Valley School Art. We will have a new call to art in May-July. After that location for this show will potentially be moved to the new city hall space. Chain bridge collection will potentially be hanging in the new city hall space and maybe in the renovated cultural center. Amy, Ann and the Mayor met on Dec 12 to discuss this and the Mayor really wants to keep the collection hanging in the city.

**Public Art: Silvaticus January 27 5-8pm** tile making for the tunnel at market square. "Environmental Action" is the next theme. Tiles will be green. Looking to do a group project with ACC in February.

**New Business:** Will vote on committee roles and positions next meeting. Please review email stating descriptions and responsibilities of each role prior to the next meeting. Would love to have sub committees

ie. Marketing, grants, art at city hall, etc. Would love to have a stronger community presence in 2025.

**Poet Laureate:** Ellie has been supporting Lisa (4th PL going into her 2nd year) since the current committee is not as supportive as it could be. Lisa was asking if she could be a member of the ACC for extra support outside of the Whittier committee. Seems as if the PL readings are outgrowing the space at Whittier so they are looking for expansion that is more ADA compliant and more inclusive to larger groups. Aimee will look into the rules and details about how to incorporate the PL into the ACC in collaboration with the Whittier home. Also Lisa is looking to expand her audience, maybe include local high school students. Whittier home is a small space and not ADA compliant. January reading will be a zoom.

**Grants:**

Haven't received forms from last year from the following:

1. Chamber (2 outstanding)
2. Community Marketplace
3. Valentines day (didn't happen +500)
4. Her Story (Kim Wilkinson)

***Will give these outstanding grantees until January 31 to submit their reimbursements.***

So far for this year 5 grantees have requested money but we don't have funds yet.

*Working on this with the city.*

Ann spoke with our rep from MCC and any money we didn't use for 2024 we can use for 2025.

**AV makes a motion to allot the rollover 500 not used from Valentines Dance to give to the Library for their 2025 grant request bringing their total up to 2000. AJ seconds, Unanimous.**

**Update on Cultural Center:**

Construction hopefully will start this month(city will use 200,000 in "build back better" funds) to do painting, new lights, acc closet updating, heat, soundproofing the space. Won't be able to do the bathroom updating yet. A floorplan was passed on showing the new layout.

**Dates on the Calendar** : Next meeting is **February 4, 2025 at 6:30**

**Barewolf : Jen Houle has a seed event January 8 6-8pm**

**Motion to adjourn ML, AV seconds...Unanimous.**

*Laura b. Kozlowski*