



June 10, 2025 6:30pm-8:30pm
Usually Meets 1st Tuesday of Every Month

WELCOME 6:30 pm Ann welcomes everyone at the **Cultural Center**, 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)** **Meghan Fahey, Bailey Campbell (BC)** **Joanne Barnes(JB)** **Rachel Wallace (RW)** **Bonnie Brady(BB)** **Bryan Riley(BR)** **Lisa Usani Phillips**

NOT PRESENT: Ellie O'leary (EO) **Kristen Costa (KC)**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: na

TREASURER REPORT: **Gifts Account:** 19,000 a little more. 8000 encumbered, the bulk is from Juneteenth 4700.

Grants Account: No change, still have 4 outstanding that haven't requested reimbursement.

Grant Report: Pollinator garden has been put in, she may have some extra money but working on a seed bank and a sign. Pollinator Playground will be what they hope to call it.

- Newburyport Bank, will be receiving a packet in hopes of getting 2000 for the other half of the trolley.
- Kids day in the Park; Bailey will be there
- Summer Music Kickoff: Bonnie was there and enjoyed it yet it was rainy.
- Birdwalk was cold but a good turnout, 10-12 people.
- June 17 plant paint pollinate event at the Amesbury Library 530pm

MARKETING REPORT: Bailey: Meva bus graphics got in a juneteenth one which is up since our last meeting. Also a more permanent one in for the ACC. Did a domain name update/renewal. Also made a banner for Juneteenth.

CULTURAL CENTER RENOVATION UPDATE: Megan Fahey subcommittee will be meeting this Thursday to talk about program plan for this new space. The initial priorities are just getting the last few things sorted out. Addressing the immediate use of the space. What other culturally minded boards use this space and the plan for this. What is the larger program space for this and what is the budget? It is a posted meeting with agenda moving forward in the initial meeting. The more pressing logistics for the start.

September 13, 12-4pm Trails to Sails will be an open house. Carriage Museum will be doing a family event the same day. Will be on the website and the printed brochure. Members will be here to answer questions about

the open studios and how we are using the space. We will talk more about this on Thursday. Also thinking about a Ribbon Cutting for this space.

OPEN STUDIOS 2025: We have a loose “ok” to be at the senior center again and maybe we may need to apply for City Hall space. Costello, CC, city hall will be the spaces. We will need someone to take on the silent auction. Margaret and Amy are working on Sponsorships, on how to make them most attractive and more feasible for people. Mel is committed for 2000 for sponsorship(partial) seeking 2000 from Newburyport Bank, we would fund the last 1000. 4 individual stops, 11-12 pre determined stops, instead of soliciting single sponsors per stop, divide it into three's. 250 co sponsorship, min of 3 per trolley stop. Reach out with the Acc email to check in with the past sponsors.

Co-sponsors for the brick and mortar business.

Direct postcards will be going out by the beginning of July.

\$100 is a friend of the tour Cash donation or donate an item to Silent Auction. Need someone to take the SA on. It would be nice to have an online auction to connect with the bank account. Need to check in with the city about direct deposit.

Can I have an artist in my shop? We have backed out of the match making process. Still have to pay 50.00 to be listed in the brochure. If you don't pay you aren't in the brochure. The business can pay on the artist behalf to support the tour.

Colleen has the mill 77 pottery studio, and Amy will be talk with her next week to see if they can get the building in the tour as well. Maybe have a signature cocktail at bars and breweries to donate the profits from the beverage...a mixed cocktail.

ART AT CITY HALL:Costello will be the next show going up 24/25th June

PUBLIC ART: Pride stairs were a hit, Pact students took turns painting. We have a ton of paint left over. Lots of positive publicity.

POET LAUREATE: Brian and Lisa have not met yet. Still learning the rules of the committee. Can't do hybrid meetings yet. Elizabeth Wolf was invited to be part of the group. Matt Cochran, a local poet has been invited. Moving forward, Lisa would like to talk about having 2 chairs, operations, logistics, how often to meet... Fundraiser in July at Flatbreads, try to get some ideas for that- May have a budget for 2 more poets to book for the year. Maybe even a poetry workshop in conjunction with the Open Studios tour.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION(Woon Chul Fisher): The event is looking good. As of today, the weather isn't looking good- have to make a decision tomorrow. May have to cancel.

New Business and Matters not Anticipated: Arts Advocacy day was just great. Sally brought some posters so we can hang them at events. Looking to get some laser counters. Will start keeping track of the growth for Studio tours this year. Sally and Ann are making a to go kit for future events and store it here in the closet at the Cultural Center.

Dates on the Calendar :

June 14 11-2pm Juneteenth Celebration at Zach Fields

June 12-Aug 28 Summer Music Series

June 26 Kids Day with Johnny the K

June 26 Ellie O'Leary will be reading with her friend Pam Alexander

Block Party June 26

••July 1 ACC meeting

••August 5 ACC meeting

Nov 8 & 9 Amesbury Open Studios

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

Laura b. Kozlowski DeVincent