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February 6th, 2024 6:30pm-8:30pm
Usually Meets 1st Tuesday of Every Month

WELCOME 6:33 pm Sally welcomes everyone at Cedar Street, first floor. Call to order.

SN does the **ROLL CALL**: Members Present: **Margaret Leahy (ML)**, **Amy Vander Els, co-Chair(AV)**, **Sally Nutt(SN)**, **Aimie Westphal, Library Director (Liaison)** **Laura Kozlowski (LK)**, **Madison Barnes(MB)**
John Moynihan(JM)

Absent: **Ann Johnson, Brian Riley, Randy Herman**

Approval of January minutes: SN motions, BR seconds, unanimous

Public Comment: N/A Poet Laureate Lisa, is here!

6:37pm Treasurer report (AV): 5 more reimbursement requests from 2023, 670.27 grant account, 28,539.85 main account total. C-10 art show 2022(300) and asked for grant money for this past event for 2023 and the Chamber (800) there are two expenses pending. We are now in a deficit. ML asked the Chamber for a project extension for a piano painted, and it isn't installed yet but was painted. They haven't submitted the reimbursement yet. Pay the Chamber as a Vendor or a gift account to help this deficit.

6:45 Grant Report:(ML):

- All grant recipients has been contacted. Council on Aging, wants to do an Amesbury Senior Prom instead of an Valentines day dance.
- AV mentions that maybe we should offer a grant training session to those who have been denied. Gives a nice positive vibe to artists to keep applying in the future.
- Invite all the grant recipients to our mixer this month. Great way to put faces to names. ML offers to draft something up to send out to the recipients.

6:50pm Marketing report: (ML)

First of the month newsletter for advertising so probably bi weekly would be a good time frame. Social media has been quiet but she is ramping back up. Lots of PL content to draw awareness. Print up some physical fliers for the mixer to post around town. 22Feb 6-8pm Barewolf.

6:58pm Art at City Hall Report:(AJ/LK)

“Beauty around us in Essex county” is the next theme and the opening is **Feb 7 5-630pm**. 24 artists represented. May move the next show start date a week or two away. No theme yet for this show. LK will be hanging a photo of Newbury outside Mayor Gove’s office for the rotating art at City hall.

7:00pm Poet Laureate Report:(LP) Lisa Phillips is here! Lisa wants to offer some of her grant money to the other poets who come to read. Also maybe do some fundraisers for this. Ways to help empower different artist communities. Says she missed out on the grants this year. Her vision is to continue with monthly readings, and has a great group of poets she can invite. Massachusetts poets will be the focus first. She wants to work with the ACC and downtown businesses, and Library to do some cross programming. Last Wednesday of every month may be the time frame for readings. Feb 14 is the next PL meeting.

- April is National Poetry Month, and she wants to collaborate with the Library. Maybe a summer collaboration workshop for teens she could lead.

- Looking for volunteers and a larger venue.

- 750 is the stipend for the poet laureate. Thinking maybe 500.00 could be something the ACC pays the PL for the speaker series. Grants can be a great way to support the Library and the ACC to build up all these groups.

7:10pm Open Studios: *Received an email from a group of photographers from Newburyport who wanted to know the dates to see if they could get involved and show up to 40 artists. November 9-10 is the open studios date. *Alchemy and Art has a new classroom space near Flatbreads and they will be open to hosting artists. *SN wants to find two people to be chairs for this event and maybe put up a flyer for volunteers for the event at the mixer. Ie. media people, graphic designers, etc.

7:26pm Public Art: Whitney is looking to find out who owns the walls of the tunnel for her mural. She will reach out when she needs our help. We will pay her out of our own account. She will be at the mixer.

Rec department, Cathy Crowley proposed to do a mural at Lake Gardner beach bathrooms. Can we recommend any artists to take that on? Can we do a call for art? MCC grant has awarded a grant to the Rec Department, Dec 2022. They finally got the funds so now they are reaching out.

AV has seen on Insta that there is a public art committee made up of cultural council members in Newburyport. Would be great to have a multi-faceted group to discuss art and policies. Art is so subjective so how to regulate it for the city and it can challenge people so this can be helpful. Also new developers coming into town give money to the public art funds in Newburyport.

7:39pm Matters not Reasonably Anticipated in Advance of this Meeting:

*Valerie Rosenberg (events and program manager) from Cider Hill, wants to do more programs on the farms for arts and culture. Want more into the community. Maybe we can reach out to them.

*Janie from ECCF met with ML and SN getting a feel for how they can help the cultural area in the seacoast of Ma. Lisa suggests maybe a county wide poetry or art festival. We got kudos for being a very active cultural council.

Next meeting date:**Feb 22 artist mixer/March 5 is our next ACC meeting.**

7:51pm Motion to Adjourn, ML, MB seconds, Unanimous.

Laura b. Kozlowski