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February 4, 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 DeVincent (LD)**, **Margaret Leahy(ML)** **Aimie Westphal**, **Bailey Campbell (BC)** **Ellie O'leary (EO)** **Joanne Barnes(JB)** **Rachel Wallace (RW)**

Absent: **Bryan Riley(BR)** **Madison Barnes(MB)**

Approval of January minutes will be done in March. Motion by AV, Second AJ, Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: Woon Chul, Poet Laureate, Paul and Sandra, Jennifer, Darcy and Ashley from Salisbury Cultural Council, Abe and Sarah new to Amesbury from Somerville, Bonnie Brady wants to rejoin

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- Sally nominated for Co-Chairs Ellie, Margaret seconds, unanimous.
- Ann nominates Sally, Margaret seconds, Unanimous.
- Joanne Barnes nominated by Sally for Treasurer, AV seconds, Unanimous.
- Ann nominates Laura DeVincent for Secretary, Sally seconds, Unanimous.

TREASURER REPORT(AV): No changes 16,429.18 Grants we got 15,270 in account with the grants money for 2025 from state. Last year we had two more, three more said we can keep the funds

MARKETING:(ML) Bailey will take over social media, Red Mill Graphics emailed us about a wholesale rate, they are in Chelmsford, wanted a minute man quote too, **Bailey makes a motion to replenish the rack card and business cards 150.00 AV seconds, Unanimous**

Rachel will be doing website and print product

OPEN STUDIOS: Nothing to report

ART AT CITY HALL:

Chain bridge collection and Mayor Gray will be taken down tomorrow. Need to reach out to see if kids will still hang, if not we will have to make another call. It may be empty for a while now.

PUBLIC ART: End of June is the hope to have all the mosaic tiles done for installation. Stairs to be painted with pride colors for the stairs in millyard, hoping to have this done for Pride Celebration.

POET LAUREATE: **Lisa:** Starting to put together the 2025 calendar, has been able to book some dates for the senior center. Plan is to do readings there in the colder months, warmer months outside at Whittier home. Also talked with other members of the PL support committee, no need to meet anymore as a "committee" it still exists but for now we are not meeting, just informing them what is going on. April 17, a group reading with Amesbury Poets. Starting to discuss this with Barewolf to hold it there for the venue. Excited by the poets we have this year, an Amesbury poet, Marblehead poet, two powwow poets, Ellie will be reading with her friend from Maine,

Art poetry event in conjunction with the Open studios, wants to find some appropriate venues. Maybe the Water street building?

Aimee has been looking into the history of PL, records are sparse before 2017. Wants to find the original intent of the committee. Did find an earlier version of the makeup committee. ACC is to house the PL but wants to look into the minutes with this information. ML will take down Peter's photo and the quote. Lisa will send a new quote.

Grants: Left over funds from last year-, last month we said we would allocate 500 to the Library, so now we have 1100 with 400 from Chamber picnic tables and 700 from Her Story, both which didn't happen. Do we want to allocate these funds to what we have approved or to other grants that we didn't fund at all?

UnderFunded: Live Well wanted 900 we gave them 600- Kiosks wanted 1600 we gave them 1100, Plant Paint and Cross Pollinate wanted 1000 and gave her 800.

Motion to give Live Well +300, Community Tile Mural + 600 Pollinate Cross +200 AJ makes the motion, SN Seconds, Unanimous.

ML will be sending out the chart of events so we can attend and take photos and report back. All but one is in Amesbury.

Update on ACC draft Organizational Chart and Job Description: Bailey was trying to come up with a quick visual where you could get a quick glance to find point people for roles and tasks moving forward. Next meeting we may see who wants to volunteer for being a point person for each working group.

UPDATE ON CULTURAL CENTER: AV saw it today, walls are up, soundproofing is up and it looks brighter.

OTHER BUSINESS: We had a request for some funds from Juila Richards is a humanity teacher at Cashman wants to bring in a Native American story teller from the West 700.00 per school. Woon mentioned that his committee could help with Grants. EFF grants. We think it's a good idea, but need more information

Dates on the Calendar : Woon going to do a first Juneteenth celebration here in Amesbury. Have educational programs and lesson plans, working with teachers and faculty so they are aware of the history of Juneteenth . 3pm City Hall Auditorium on Thursday Feb 6 will be the first meeting about this event.

Hope to integrate the PL program into this as well. June 14 Saturday at Zach Fields space for this celebration.

New Business and Matters not Anticipated: Madison will be resigning, doesn't have enough time to continue.

Next meeting is **March 4, 2025 at 6:30**

March 19 6-8 Artist mixer and tile event and grant reception at Barewolf 6pm

November 8 & 9 will be Open Studios.

Motion to adjourn ML, AJ seconds...Unanimous.

Laura b. Kozlowski