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Usually Meets 1st Tuesday of Every Month

WELCOME 6:34 pm Ann welcomes everyone at **14 Cedar Street** 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)** **Bailey Campbell (BC)** **Joanne Barnes(JB)** **Rachel Wallace (RW)** **Sally Nutt,SN**, **Bonnie Brady(BB)** **Bryan Riley(BR)** **Lisa Usani Phillips, Ellie O'leary (EO)**

NOT PRESENT: Kirsten Costa (KC)

Approval of July Minutes with amended to change Motion by LD, Second JB, Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: A few people here. Cat came by to listen more about open studios. Jennifer says the MCC grant will be awarded early, still looking for Newburyport bank and looking for more funding.

TREASURER REPORT: Gifts Account: 12,000 roughly available. 1000 outstanding commitments. Juneteenth all expenses paid . 2 Police were paid, but couldn't cancel them. (780.00) **Grants Account**: Wave mural needs to submit forms (2845.00-Cat) and Council on Aging still hasn't submitted.

GRANTS REPORT: Bailey: ACC funding survey results: Festivals, community days, visual arts, music over 56 people responded. Low cost programs: music, festival visual arts, folk arts and nature. People hear mostly from signage and FB as well as Newsletter. Top three projects: community, art education, place making. People want to make sure teachers are aware of these programs. (Bailey will reach out to the schools-electronic flyers) Someone asked for monthly festivals. Community chorus, a shout out to the wave, refresh crosswalk, murals and sculptures. Moving art for a small town parade someone suggested. Amesbury 250 events to celebrate Amesbury History and combine diversity and indigenous and immigrant communities.

SN Motion for the following funding priorities 2026 : 1. free musical performances, 2. visual arts, folk crafts workshops 3. Cultural festivals and community building, 4. public art, placemaking downtown revitalization, **AJ seconds, Unanimous**

MARKETING REPORT: Submitted art for the Merchant. Survey went out. Today we did our first "meet the council" posting every Tuesday and Thursday. Then highlight the artists. Tablescape: reached out to minuteman and got some quotes. 17 table cloths in the Cultural Center. Looking to put a logo on some fabric for table. Flyers for the table or a larger banner stands alone.

CULTURAL CENTER RENOVATION UPDATE: (AV) were thinking of doing a "Art of Amesbury" art show for the Trails and Sails event. Going to do an open house but there is a set back for the scheduled date for Sept 13. Real time hanging with name tags all ready. Would hold the work for Studio Tour- Could have the maps

and raffle there. People could start there and then go out to the artists studios. There is a leak now so we are on hold for a month. Meeting on August 18 to make a decision. Brochure has been printed but can change the online site. If it isn't fixed, we can push it out to potentially October and still make a stop at Open Studios.

BB: Subcommittee is meeting to discuss how we use this space and care for it with the Library. Equipment and supplies we have come up with a list. Long term : cleaning plans, city resources for this. Are we splitting this with City Hall and/or Library? Can we tack on a "cleaning fee"? We will need an office supply kit, but we need a first aid kit, tool box/tools, hanging supplies, two table cloths, comes to 189.00 BB wants to round it to 200, Aimie W. can order through the library tax free. **BB Motion to approve ACC to pay for the 200 for supplies. ML seconds, unanimous.**

Our site does let us have people to sign up and it would be 150-200 to customize it. We can get an app to make it controlled by us.

OPEN STUDIOS 2025: Already 18 people have signed up on August 1. Keep posting and will make a "save the date postcard". Quote is 151.13 for 250 postcards for Save the Dates with MinuteMan printing. 12,600 is the estimated budget for Open Studios. Last year it was 5600 for marketing materials. **ML makes a motion to spend 100 budget to make "Save the Date" postcards, seconds AV, Unanimous.**

Mel ½ trolley. No word from Newburyport Bank, Jeweltown pottery wants to sponsor Market square stop...Send emails to the former sponsors to remind them of the opportunities. People can join together to help them support the A frame near their stops. Zach Field will have music in the space the whole day. Sat. night he has a ticketed event for a guy from Boston who is doing a "sing along"! Zach will promote this too. We will need this in writing so we can support them. Cathy Toomey used to support herself but she can do it as a realtor or as the company.

Need a meeting with the special events committee with Jimmy...reach out to the rec department. SN will do this. It is the whole plan that we need to submit an application. Trolley route will be created by ML and send to SN.

Need to solicit Brochure Art for Open Studios. Bailey will post the call this week.

15 spots City Hall/ 9 Spots at Costello Krystle from Riseilience said she can host some artists. Should try to connect with her for maybe 8 artists but she will have to find the artists and there is no elevator in her space.

Village of Church fairs is going to be on the same Saturday. Could be a positive for both.

ART AT CITY HALL: Costello show is up about a month. City Hall move to Provent bank building is being pushed out so we may have another call for art Oct - Dec. **SN makes a motion to reimburse AJ 50.46 for frames and mats for the Costello exhibit, AV seconds, Unanimous.**

CARD TO CULTURE: looks good to the MCC for grants, looks good that we are doing this. Anyone with a connector care, EBT or Wic card would be able to wave the fee for Open Studios or any other programs where we charge a fee, these cards would waive the fee to anyone with a card. **SN wants to make a motion to accept all three of these cards to make the fee to any events free to the cardholders, BC seconds, Unanimous.**

POET LAUREATE: BL: had our first official meeting July 21, talked about future meeting times, may meet more frequently near the end of Lisa's time. Quarterly after that. The term ends Jan 1. Will send out applications soon. ACC will help promote it too. Had a fundraiser at Flatbreads. They will be using the library Zoom account for their meetings. Next August 11.

New Business and Matters not Anticipated: ML: former clerk of Amesbury, now clerk of W. Newbury because their CC doesn't know what they are doing. The clerk's office is taking on lots of responsibilities. They want us to propose some evening times to help them yet we invited them to tonight's meeting.

PL would love to have a logo/table signs or banners.

Dates on the Calendar :

August 21, artist mixer at Barewolf

Sept. 2 our next meeting.

8:40pm Motion to adjourn seconds LD, AJ seconds...Unanimous.

Laura b. Kozlowski DeVincent