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Usually Meets 1st Tuesday of Every Month

WELCOME 6:33 pm Ann and Sally welcomes everyone at 14 Cedar Street.Call to order.

AJ does the **ROLL CALL**: Members Present: **Meghan Fahey (MF)**, **Ann Johnson(AJ)**, **Amy Vander Els, (AV)**, **Sally Nutt(SN)**, **Laura Kozlowski (LK)**, **Rachel Wallace (RW)**)**Brian Riley(BR)** **Madison Barnes(MB)****Randy Herman(RH)**

Not attending : John Moynihan(JM),

Margaret(ML)online. Greg T.online from MCC and will attend our artist mixer.

Approval of July minutes with amendments: BR seconds AJ, unanimous

Public Comment: Mike and Cathy Cochran visiting.

6:35pm Treasurer report (AV): 27,792.00 gift 10,470.00 grant account. In the gift account about 7,000 to spend. Funded 23 grants last year, only 5 have requested reimbursements so far.

6:42 Marketing Report: *Breakfast and Business* event last week went well, about 25 people there and got a sponsorship (300) from Apricot Lane. June 27 Block party, a few people signed up to volunteer, it was in a strange outside spot but it was worth being there. Lots of good ideas and thoughts came our way.

Do we want to purchase another year of ad space in the Amesbury Merchant. It was a discounted rate for 800 total for ¼ page space.

Motion to sign on for 800 for 4 pack of ad package MB, seconds BR unanimous.

6:48: Grant report: Public comment survey report to see what people want for arts in the Community. 127 respondents this year, up from 97 last year. More people responded. **Music, festivals, visual arts, folk arts and crafts, theater performance** were the top interests. MF, mentions maybe we make sure that we aren't replicating what others are doing in the community.

Would also be good to try to get into the schools to see if we can help fund some grants to support them.

- Arts education, instruction and programing
- Festivals/Community,
- Performing Arts
- Place Making

Motion to make these the topics for the next grant cycle...MB, seconds AJ, Unanimous.

7:05 Open Studios:(AJ):

Permits have been acquired. Contract with Costello center instead of Cultural Center this year. CC is happy to have us in their space, we can fit up to 8 artists there. Trolley is at 5000.00 this year, up from last year.

Motion to put 200 deposit, to the trolley this year for 5000.(Mel has agreed to sponsor 2000) MB, Seconds AV

Grant requests of 3000 from NBT bank, and Institution for Savings to see if they will help us support the trolley was submitted today by AJ. Email blast to all the businesses in town to try to get more sponsorships. Also we want to target bigger businesses locally. 10,250.00 min needed to run the tour. Would love the larger sponsors to help out, ie Munters, Ford, CNA,

Volunteer status: need lots of help, going to talk to city council members to come onto the trolley to talk and be a part of the trolley ride

Publicity: advertisement in the Amesbury Merchant.

Open sign ups start Sept. 1 Artists will have a shorter time to register, so we can condense the marketing efforts to get sign ups.

7:19 Art at City Hall: AJ Bridge art will be up for a place holder, End of September, we will ask the artists who are in Open Studios can submit samples of their work, which will run to the end of the winter, after the holidays.

7:20pm Public Art: AV Looking to paint the stairs by market square, and asked PACT to take this on, and they were really into this and agreed to take this on. Painting the Pride Flag on the stairs behind Casa Maria. 1000.00 for Concrete paint. The stairs do need to be rebuilt, we will have plenty for touch ups or repainting if needed. Students will take it on and we will purchase the paint. Have not heard back from DPW about their thoughts on the project. Can we have an account at Amesbury Industrial so the artist or the Acc have to fork out our own money.

Motion to pay up to 1200.00 for the Concrete paint, SN, Seconds MB, Unanimous.

Mural at Amesbury Industrial: AV: Greg Jardis with Kate and AV met at site of the mural, revisions were shown, Kelly and Sheila from Carriage Museum, so Kate got some images, Greg wants to keep it to what was specifically made in that building, which was a lot of carriage parts. They have connected and AV has stepped out of the process. September is the aim for painting. Kate thinks about 3 weeks for her to finish the project. It is on the old elevator shaft.

#10 Chestnut Building, there will be a new carriage art piece hung under the awning, which will be hung in September.

7:29pm Poet Laureate: (BR) Hasn't been to any Whittier home events. Lisa is trying to set up the zoom to bring more into the arts in Amesbury. Lots of resistance(mainly by Peter at the Whittier home) right now and some political issues but Lisa is doing well even if 5 of the 7 members have quit. We will be looking into

how to support PL directly and not have a separate Poet Committee. Since the Acc is supporting PL with marketing and financially, we want to see the PL thrive.

Maybe bring back the open mic at the Bake House for poetry readings.

7:47pm New Business: **Meghan Fahey** is visiting as a member on the *Board on Commissions, Committees review Committees*. Five of them on city staff are evaluating non elected governing boards. Gathering the effectiveness, participation levels with the goal of submitting a report to the Mayor on how they are doing to understand more about these committees.

- What would be required to support the ACC to keep us doing the good work we all do.

- How can this group execute a little more effectively?

Dedicated staff would be one suggestion to the City. Another, *match the appropriation from the state for funding for ACC.* Hoping the report would educate the city council, and she will get us a draft before the report is submitted. ACTV provides service to the community and we could meet in City Hall to get filmed for more exposure. How do we get more people engaged? or maybe zoom/online meetings.

Mainly ACC wants people to attend live to get more exposure.

RH is withdrawing from the ACC after tonight.

8pm Dates on the Calendar :

Artist Mixer Aug 22

Sept 1 artist registration for Open Studios

Sept 10, next ACC meeting

Oct 8 Flatbread fundraiser 5pm-

Nov. 9 / Nov 10 open studio

Public Comments: none

8:06pm Motion to adjourn AJ, MB seconds...Unanimous.

Laura b. Kozlowski