


Stafford Arts Commission

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Meeting Minutes, Warren Memorial Hall, Probate Court Room

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 7:00 PM Eastern



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Attendees: Cheryl Wilson Maynard, Franceen Munson, Rachel Clark, Reena Allen, Richard Sbardella, Paul McNerney, Nancy Dutton, Kelly Gillett, Shannon McCarthy

Established quorum at 7:12 pm.

Reviewed minutes of April 7, 2015 meeting. Shannon made a motion to approve the minutes, Richard seconded the motion. No further discussion, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

We discussed the status of our budget, nearly all the invoices have been submitted for the summer concert series. We have submitted our application for another COA grant – decision on grant is expected sometime in July and is contingent upon funding provided by State and NEA.

We welcomed Rachel Clark as our newest member – at this time all board positions are taken.

Arts on Main will be coming up Friday of next week. We decided to offer a children's mural project in Haymarket Commons – we discussed the purchase of paint, canvas paper and brushes as well as volunteers to host the event. Richard made a motion to allocate \$300.00 to the purchase of materials. Franceen seconded the motion, there was no further discussion, motion unanimously approved. Volunteers for the event will be Cheryl, Franceen and Reena. Cheryl will go to Jerry's ArtORama that Friday to purchase materials and will meet other volunteers in the park by 5pm.

Public Comment

Shanti Rittgers joined our meeting to share her idea of a popup sculpture garden in Haymarket Commons. Her idea includes die cut standup painted shapes. She will bring a proposal to the group and we will vote to determine next steps such as potential funding, volunteer support, etc.

Greg Post joined our meeting to share information on the startup activities for the Stafford Theater Arts including a Go Fund Me site. Many other individuals in our community and beyond have expressed interest and support. Greg will keep us apprised of his progress and will work with us to help get notices for auditions out etc.

Ken Anderson joined us to share information about the Down Street Writers – they had their first event which was well attended. Shared idea on appointing a Stafford Poet Laureate and encouraged us to join their Facebook page.

Barn Dances

The dates are set – Cheryl will follow-up with Beth Dadalt to confirm reservations for Memorial Hall. (Subsequently confirmed). Going forward Richard has asked that we refer to the dance as the Stafford Stomp Barn Dance. The band will be called the Stafford Stompers. Considering hosting a benefit dance for the local food pantry. Follow-up next meeting on Stafford Stomp logos to help us brand the dance and use the logo on postcards and flyers. We need fliers that are 8x10 in size as well as bookmarks that we put on counters. Come next time with doodled ideas – there are typically 8 dancers to a square if that helps. First dance is the third Saturday of October.

Richard made motion to adjourn the meeting, Shannon seconded the motion. No further discussion meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



5/28/15

Cheryl Wilson Maynard

Chair