

North Kingstown Arts Council
Town of North Kingstown
Wednesday March 11, 2020 Meeting

Members Present: Nancy Sherman, Jim Halley, Francine Crete, Gerry Grabowski, Scott Monroe, Eleanor Acton, Donna Vanderbeck, Kathleen McCarthy, Paul Pichette

Excused Absences, Gale Shawn Burda, Robert Martone, Nora Hall

Guest: Ricky Thompson, Chelsey Dumas Gibbs, Lou Cahoon

1. Call to order at 7:04pm
2. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's website.
3. Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2020: Jim Halley motioned to approve the February minutes. Gerry Grabowski seconded. The Council unanimously approved.
4. Lou Cahoon discussed the Tuesday Night Concerts Project Proposal. He is looking for \$5,000.00 from the NKAC, and counting on \$6,500.00 in donations from the community. Paul Bailey donated \$1500.00. Veteran's of Foreign War has donated \$500. Cost of the bands, \$8,300.00. Jim Halley motioned to approve Tuesday Night Project Proposal. Gerry Grabowski seconded. Unanimous approval.
5. Kathleen McCarthy: Kathleen McCarthy tonight also representing SENEFFEST; Southeast New England Film, Music and Arts Festival started in 2007 off shoot from the RI International Film Festival. Kathleen explained her position with the festival as a Screenplay Manager. Kathleen expressed that SENE is interested in bringing some of the festival to North Kingstown in two ways, art gallery and a film screening site. Plans are that the festival, which was always in April, now moved to October 14-17, 2020 based on a vote last Dec 2019. Kathleen would like to propose a site to see films in a chosen venue, or even help with sustaining Movies at the Beach or even SENE helping with sponsor. Right now, we do have a venue in Jamestown. Main part of the festival opening night is Warwick Art Museum. Closing night and awards are in the Vaudeville theater of the Columbus Theater. Kathleen was hoping to bring more of it to southern part of RI not just in October but at venues throughout the year. Suggested that Don Farias Co-Director and Music specialist from SENE attend a meeting in the future where we could possibly propose an event.
6. Trish Cawley did not come to the meeting. She will be using the kitchen in the community center for food during the concerts.
7. Sponsorships. Will need to write Thank You notes to our Sponsors. It would help to have a few more Sponsors.
8. Publicity/Web Site Report: Scott and Gerry still trying to update the Facebook page.
9. Project Proposals
 - A. Gilbert Stuart Spring Fair #80377- A variety of art, history, and nature. The goal is to allow visitors an opportunity to enjoy unique presentations. They are requesting \$450 from the NK Arts Council. Jim Halley moved to approve the request. Gerry Grabowski seconded. Unanimous approved.

B. Miscellaneous Expenses #80378-The NK Arts Council incurred the following expenses throughout the year. Go Daddy Housing Fee, \$140. Web fees, \$100. Advertising (Community Chorus ads, etc.) \$200. Member's Apparel/badge \$200. Concert License Fees \$363. Total \$1003. Jim Halley moved to approve the request. Gerry Grabowski seconded. Unanimous approved.

10 Final Funding Forms

A. Lafayette Band-Festival of Lights Concert. Objectives met in full, with an hour concert of sacred and secular holiday music. Attendance was at maximum capacity. Jim Halley moved to approve the final funding. Eleanor Acton seconded. Unanimous approved.

B. Wickford Village Association-Festival of Lights. Ye Olde English Carolers perform by strolling through the village singing traditional carols and dressed in period costumes. Visitors love the ambience they bring to the festival. Gerry Grabowski moved to approve the final funding. Paul Pichette seconded. Unanimous approved.

C. Memory Project –Fifteen portraits of children from Pakistan were created by NKHS students. They were on display for the December Open House at the Town Administration Building. They will be on display at the NK Library in April. Over one hundred people turned out to view the portraits. They were well received. Paul Pichette moved to approve the final funding. Scott Monroe seconded. Unanimous approved.

D. Color Day There was an excellent turnout to see the artwork our school children displayed. It was appreciated by all who attended. Jim Halley moved to approve the final funding. Kathleen McCarthy seconded. Unanimous approved.

11. A. Make Music Day - Kathleen McCarthy spoke about Music Day around the country. She feels it is something we should be able to participate in. It is on Father's Day this year. Discussion felt we should postpone until next year, so we can advertise it properly.

B. 3D Walkway during the Art Festival

C.

Movies on the beach is looking for funding

12. New Business

a. Roles of the Liaison Nancy discussed our roles as liaison

b. Support Forms for Grantees Discussed

c. Update to the "Pass the Hat" policy- tabled until our next meeting with our Town Council Liaison, Mary Brimer.

13. Correspondence

14. Adjournment Paul Pichette moved to approve adjourn at ???. Donna Vanderbeck seconded. Unanimous approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry R. Grabowski

