

North Kingstown Arts Council

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 Minutes

Members Present: Nancy Sherman, President; Jim Halley, Vice President; Eleanor Acton; Gail Shawn Burda; Fran Crete; Gerry Grabowski; Tony Jones.

Not Present: Nora Hall; Susan Hannel; Paul Pichette; Terence Shea; Donna Vanderbeck.

Guests: Anne Marie Balboni, Galena Monhanty, Joellen Wunner.

Call to order: Nancy Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Notice of meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website.

Motion to approve February 13, 2019 Minutes, unanimously approved.

Financial Items: Nancy Sherman said we are \$20,440 encumbered of the \$21,554.

Publicity/Web Site Report:

Projects Proposals:

- \$2,000 requested for Wickford Harbor Lights @wickfordharborlightsri #80354 - Joellan Wunner said that money is not expected to be made because of the illumination, that it designed just as a good time for all in Wickford. Joellen was asked to list her entertainment individually, with cost for each, instead of just putting musicians and the total cost. Promotional material for \$200 was asked to be covered. Gail was not comfortable covering that cost and was waiting for Joellen's updated proposal, which was naming the particular bands and stating their individual fees. Another group is supposed to perform, probably for \$300. At first a proposal to table the vote until we received the updated proposal was made by Jim, but later the other Council members decided to vote to approve the proposal with the understanding that Joellen will forward the changes to the Arts Council. Motion to grant the request for funding was made by: Gerry Grabowski, seconded by: Jim Halley. Tony Jones will be the liaison for Wickford Harbor Lights.
- \$450 requested for Gilbert Stuart Birthplace and Museum Spring Fair (Old Mill Day) Fish on the Run 2019 #80355 Proposal unanimously approved. Liaison: Gail Shawn Burda will let Director Margaret O'Connor know that their proposal was approved.
- Eleanor Acton will be the liaison for Shady Lea.

Final Funding Forms – None

Old Business – None

New Business:

- Quahog Festival 2019: the Arts Council was asked to run the Quahog Festival, by its previous promoter who is stepping down, after three years, due to other commitments. Since we are not in the business of running events we had to decline, at our last meeting, but Anne Marie Balboni (with Galena Monhanty), is excited about incorporating the "parade" aspect of the Quahog Festival into her "developing stage" of *All Things Wickford* to be held at the Town Beach.

- Summer Concert Series: Chelsey has received contracts from two of the four invited bands, for the Thursday Children's Concerts and of five of the eight bands slated to play at the Tuesday Night Concerts. Chelsey has asked us to let her know if anyone has any band descriptions she may be missing and if we have contact with any of the bands having not sent in their contracts, feel free to reach out to them with a reminder.

Correspondence: Notification from Nancy Sherman about finding photos from a contest that NK High School teacher Ralph Henry organized. An idea mentioned was to ask the Town about hanging some of the photos in the Town Hall Meeting Room and perhaps rotating them periodically.

- Band update: Nancy and Jim Knott met with representatives from the *Champlin Foundation* and were told that the *Lafayette Band* should write the grant for the addition, sound, and lighting as they are a 501C3. The Town Planning Department will be involved with planning and permits. Mr. Mollis needs to write a letter approving the stipulated items in the grant.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Shawn Burda
Co-Recording Secretary