

North Kingstown Arts Council

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 Minutes

Members Present: Nancy Whyte Sherman - Chairperson, James Halley – Vice Chairperson, Eleanor Acton, Gail Shawn Burda - Recording Secretary, Fran Crete, Gerry Grabowski, Nora Hall, Robert Martone, Kathleen McCarthy, Deborah Sabo

Excused Absents: Scott Monroe & Donna Vanderbeck

Un-Excused Absents: NA

Zoom meeting hosted by Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, Recreation Director

1. **Call to order:** Nancy Whyte Sherman – Chairperson, called the Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6©** Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State’s website.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Motion to approve March 3, 2021 Minutes as written made by Nora Hall, seconded by Eleanor Acton. Unanimous approval.
4. **Guests:** None
5. **Financial Items**
 - Chairperson, Nancy Whyte Sherman informed us that if this evening’s Project Proposals pass, we will be incumbered for \$31,711.
 - Motion to accept the Financial Report made by Nora Hall, seconded by Kathleen McCarthy. Unanimous approval.
6. **Publicity/Website Report:** No report, Scott Monroe did not attend
7. **Project Proposals:**
 - a) **Johnny Appleseed Virtual Production #8393** - Nancy Whyte Sherman Liaison
 - Submitted from North Kingstown Recreation Department by Chelsey Dumas Gibbs
 - Thirty-five students in the project, they pay to participate. It has been over a year since drama, band and music have been able to be in a safe drama production.
 - Partnering with Missoula Children’s Theatre (MCT) and they hired a Johnson & Wales University (JWU) student, to be the instructor.
 - **Motion to approve** request for \$650 made by Nora Hall, seconded by Eleanor Acton. Unanimous approval.
 - b) **Tuesday Night Concert Series #8394** Nancy Whyte Sherman - Liaison
 - After many years Lew Cahoon “Mr. Tuesday Night” has stepped down from running the concerts. Lew will be missed. Jim Halley has agreed to run the event.
 - Cost of the performers went from \$6,000 to \$10,000. Most entertainment costing over \$1,000 each.
 - Gerry Grabowski has been approached by some local people to look into hiring some of our talented local performers. Gerry thought that the cost could be less if we pursue this avenue. Nancy Whyte Sherman mentioned that we had discussed hiring a more diverse group of performers. Something to discuss further before hiring groups for next year.

- Jim said that the Blue Bus is reserved for the Tuesday Night Concerts, as is the driver. Should the concert not go on the appointed night, or its rain date due to weather, performers will receive 20% of original fee plus there is a Covid clause not holding us accountable financially should the gathering number be restricted causing the concerts cancellation.
 - **Motion to approve** Project Proposal for the amount of \$10,000 made by Gerry Grabowski, seconded by Eleanor Acton. Unanimous approval.
- c) **Artistically Speaking: The Impact of Photography** #8395 Eleanor Acton – Liaison May 13, 2021 5:30-6:30 pm
- Proposal read April 13th, should have read May 13, 2021.
 - Cindy Wilson, photographer, explores photography on Facebook and Instagram and the quieter, more personal journey of image making.
 - A virtual access presentation. Unlimited number of visitors allowed on Cindy’s business account.
 - Publicity blitz starting the last week of April
 - **Motion to approve** Project Proposal request in the amount of \$250 for artist fee made by Nora Hall, seconded by Gail Shawn Burda
- d) **Strawberry Festival** #8396 Gail Shawn Burda – Liaison June 19, 2021 (rain date June 20th) 12-4 pm
- Major summer fundraiser.
 - Artisans, local farmers, food vendors, folk musicians, theatrical entertainment, children’s sing-a-long, games, pony rides, garden & museum tours. A Friend of the Castle is covering the cost of the pony rides.
 - **Motion to approve** Project Proposal request in the amount of \$900 for entertainment was made by Gerry Grabowski and seconded by James Halley.
- e) **West Bay Community Theater** #8397 Kathleen McCarthy – Liaison May 14, 2021 7 pm.
- A forty-five-minute social-distant theatrical event at the *Avis Block* area and on the steps of the old North Kingstown Free Library building, including performances in the windows of Avis Block businesses encouraging the audience to follow along with the performances and visiting the restaurants and shops, ending with two performers on the old Library building steps.
 - **Motion to approve** Project Proposal request in the amount of \$225 made by James Halley, seconded by Gerry Grabowski
8. **Final Funding Forms:** #80388 Studio Art Quilts Association Robert Martone – Liaison was in March of 2021
- Applicant Martha Sielman
 - Approx. 270 registered, 200 attended, limit was 300. Good Q&A session. Good, enthusiastic presenter. I attended the virtual presentation.
 - Speaker was interviewed for a column in the *Independent* published March 4, 2021.
 - **Motion to release** funds made by Gerry Grabowski, seconded by James Halley. Unanimous approval.
9. **Old Business:** ArtVenture Tee Signs, Eleanor Acton checking at: Eramian sign Corp. 140 Shun Pike Johnston, RI 02919 (401) 647-5755. Eleanor mentioned that this printer has been very good to the *Boys & Girls Club* not charging for some things, but when charging their prices have been good.
- April 20th the artist’s artwork is to be delivered to their liaison. May 3rd at 7 pm there is a meeting at the NK Community Center to number the art pieces and determine where each piece will be hidden.
 - Kathleen McCarthy mentioned that the South East Film Festival group, of 40 people, needs a venue, perhaps: the NK Community Center, Senior Center or *The O’Club* for June 25th, 26th & 27th 2021.
10. **New Business:** Nora Hall said that there would be no Artistically Speaking offerings during the summer and she wanted to know if the Council Members want to continue the offerings in the future. More discussions later.

Correspondence: None

11. Adjournment: Nancy Whyte Sherman, Chairperson called for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm made by James Halley, seconded by Gerry Grabowski. Unanimous approval.

The Next Scheduled NKAC Meeting will be on May 12, 2021 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Shawn Burda

Recording Secretary