Minutes of the Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Room 208, 245 deKoven Drive
Middletown, CT

Present
Barbara Arafeh
Julia Faraci
John Basinger
Franca Biales
Joyce Kirkpatrick
Crystal Laffan
David Bauer
Lee Godburn
Sebastian Giuliano, Council Member
Charlotte McCoid, Vice Chair
Pamela Steele, Secretary
Robert Santangelo, Council Member

Also Present
Kisha Michael, Art Coordinator

Absent
John Basinger
David Bauer
Cassandra Day

1. Call to Order - 7:06 p.m.
2. Public Session – None
3. Minutes
   a. September 25, 2019 Motion to approve by Seb Giuliano, seconded by Lee Godburn, approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to approve agenda as written by Seb Guliano, seconded by Franca Biales, approved unanimously
5. Remarks from the Chair - None
6. Old Business
   a. Budget Report- None
   b. Program Update - Writing transition notes for new mayor
      i. Arts Calendar – 677 and 736 followers on FB
      ii. Grants – Updating guidelines, and streamlining application
      iii. Holiday on Main – Fri. Nov. 29th kickoff with tree lightings on Main Street
7. Committee Reports
   a. Executive– No report
   b. Public Art – Asking for a joint meeting with Public Works when artist comes to town for discussion on the busts.
   c. Nominating – No report
   d. Planning and Projects
      i. Press release went out for Arts Advocacy Award, waiting for nominations. Reminder to come to December’s meeting with suggestions.
   e. Music
      i. Researching music in Middletown; and looking for music sources for exhibition.
   f. Poet Laureate
      i. Attended poet’s discussion, and had readings at the Buttonwood Tree.
   g. Grants Process Review
      i. Need to schedule a meeting for review of final revisions of guidelines and application.
8. New Business
   a. Category 2/3 Grant Panel Award Recommendations
      i. Six applicants were presented. A motion was made to approve the six applicant awards.
         Motion made by Godburn, 2nd by Biales, passed unanimously.
         Salt Marsh Opera          Kids Love Opera!          $5,000
         T. David Westmoreland     Cantatas                $1,000
         Oddfellows Playhouse      Mockingbird             $2,000
         Joe Fonda                13th Annual Festival      $2,000
         Ct Storytelling Ctr.      Littlest Listeners      $2,000
         New Haven Sy. Orch.       Musical Coaching         $1,000
         *ARTFARM                 UMBRA Production         $2,500
         Total:                   Total:                   $15,500
   b. Music Ambassador 2020
      i. Formalize process to be in line with Arts Advocacy Award. Will go under the Music Committee.
   c. Bylaws Review
      i. Subcommittee was formed with Lee Godburn and Joyce Kirkpatrick
   d. Grants-WESU Revisions
      i. WESU Revisions – Motion by Joyce Kirkpatrick, 2nd by Lee Godburn, passed unanimously
      ii. *A motion was made to pay Marcella’s grant that was not encumbered in last year’s budget to be paid from current budget. Motioned by Crystal Laffan, 2nd by Joyce Kirkpatrick, passed unanimously.

9. Announcements
   i. Buttonwood Tree Anniversary
   ii. Gilbert & Sullivan’s “Thespis” was a great performance
   iii. Article on Para Dancing in Sunday’s Courant
   iv. Bell Ringing at Indian Hill Cemetery – Oct. 15th
   v. Chorale – Performance on Nov. 10th
   vi. Comcast Public Access is having an open house
   vii. ArtsNet90 meeting Sat. Oct 29th at 9:00 am
   viii. Cyber Security Awareness – Arts Contest
   ix. Para Dance – Kick start fundraiser

10. Adjournment– Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:39 by Lee Godburn, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Steele, Secretary

cc: Town Clerk,
Mayor Daniel T. Drew