

Middletown Commission on the Arts

Minutes, July 24, 2013

Present

Lee Godburn (chair)
Cassandra Day (vice chair)
Jenny Hawkins Lecce (sec.)
Barbara Arafah
Franca Biales
Joyce Kirkpatrick
Richard Kamins (7:13)
Charlotte McCoid (7:15)
Bob Santangelo (council) (7:10)
Linda Salafia (council)

Also Present

Stephan Allison, staff

Absent

Fran Ganguli
Lea Tomaszewski

Call to order

Commission Chair Lee Godburn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in room 208, Municipal Building, 245 DeKoven Drive

Public session: Eva Dykas, Art Guild of Middletown, visiting to learn about MCA.

Minutes from June, 26, 2013

Motion to approve by Commissioner Arafah seconded by Biales. Discussion: no discussion. Carried unanimously with Kirkpatrick abstaining.

Minutes from July, 16, 2013

Motion to approve by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Biales. Discussion: Kirkpatrick suggests that we amend the artist's name from Alfred to Al (found in the minutes with the line about the Rooster.) Carried to approve with change unanimously, with Salafia abstaining.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the meeting agenda as written, by Hawkins Lecce, seconded by Kirkpatrick. Carried unanimously.

Remarks from the Chair

Chair Godburn thanks everyone for his time as chair and for working so well with him.

Old Business:

Budget Report –The commission reviewed the budget forms. Allison electronically distributed the current spreadsheets for review prior to the meeting.

Program Update

- a) Arts Stakeholders Group: ongoing.
- b) KidsArts update: July 5 camp cancelled. July 8 – 11 camp moved to Wesley Elementary, and back at their normal school site on July 12.

Website – Arts2Go.org - ongoing.

Visual Art Competition: - ongoing.

Committee Reports:

Public Art Committee:

- a) Catalogue of Public Art Collection: ongoing.
- b) New Acquisition placement/reception –
- c) July 16 meeting update: Committee Chair McCoid shared about progress made by the committee and the number of small tasks being attended to including updating signage.
- d) Friday, August 2nd, 7 p.m. will be the reception for the new temporary installation of art in the Louis Lopez Garden.

Planning & Projects Committee:

- a) MCA participation for Open Air Market at Wadsworth. Aug. 25th. No helium. Face painting or pre-made mask decorating are possibilities.

Nominating Committee:

- a) Review of Bylaws: ongoing.
- b) Nomination suggestions: ongoing.

Other: (Publicity Committee, Kids Arts Committee, Archive Committee)

Kids Arts: Wednesday, July 31 at 5:30 is the Big Reveal in the gym at the site school and Friday, August 2 is the 25th Annual Children's Circus.

New Business:

Grant Review Process: Ongoing. Two different issues: one being the grant application process and the other being the Grant Review on finished grants. Chair Godburn suggests that we pick this up again in September. Some preparatory spreadsheets for the period of September 2012 through March 2013 will be prepared for use in moving forward.

Election of Officers: Commissioner Kamins facilitated the vote, Allison counted the votes and Kamins presented the results: the new officers are as follows: Chair: Cassandra Day, Vice-Chair: Jenny Hawkins Lecce, Secretary: Franca Biales

Cancellation of August meeting: Vice-Chair Day entertained a motion to cancel the August meeting. Motion to cancel by Kamins, seconded by Chair Godburn. Carried.

Other: None

Miscellaneous:

Announcements:

Grant Reports: Biales noted a recurring request from a grant applicant is to have an application form that allows for online filling out, saving while working. This would require saving on to the server, which is not currently an option for the MCA. Discussion ensued.

Other: Gilbert and Sullivan, for the first time in decades, is not doing their annual production in Middletown due to cost of local venues. The Fireworks Festival went very well, although Allison was disappointed with the side stage set up for bands, rather than having the listeners wait while one band leaves and the next takes the stage. To be addressed next year.

Announcements:

- a) Eva Dykus shared that the Middletown Art Guild is looking for a Middletown location to replace the church facilities they currently use in Middlefield.
- b) Richard attended the Shakespeare in the Grove and enjoyed it.
- c) Joyce shared that there are two more Wednesday evening concerts at Long Hill Estate.

d) Barbara attended the first Summer Sounds concert and was disappointed with turn out. Joe Flood did a concert at the Buttonwood Tree. The material revolved around three historical Middletown composers.

Adjournment: Chair Godburn entertained a motion from Kamins to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by McCoid. Carried. The MCA will next meet for its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 in room #208 of the Municipal Building on 245 DeKoven Drive.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Hawkins Lecce