

Middletown Commission on the Arts

Minutes, July 22, 2015

Present

Cassandra Day (chair)
Jenny Hawkins Lecce(v.c)
Franca Biales (sec.)
Jay Hoggard left 8:04
Barbara Arafeh
Sara MacSorley
Julia Faraci
Lee Godburn
Sebastian Giuliano arr. 7:21
Robert Santangelo
Anthony Moran (Student rep)

Also Present

Stephan Allison, Staff

Absent

Fran Ganguli
Joyce Kirkpatrick
Charlotte McCoid
Jackie Pawlak (Student rep)

Call to order

Cassandra Day, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in Municipal Building, room 208.

Public Session – No members of the public present

Minutes

a) June 29, 2015 - Motion to approve by Commissioner Lecce seconded by Commissioner Godburn.
Motion passed with two abstentions. Councilman Giuliano and Commissioner Godburn abstained.

Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve by Commissioner Godburn seconded by Commissioner MacSorley. Passed unanimously.

Remarks from the Chair –Chair Day thanked the commissioners for allowing her to serve as chair for the past two years and thanked them for their support.

Old Business:

a) **Budget Report**- Sent electronically to commissioners.

b) Program Update

i. Arts Stakeholders Group- No report.

ii. Summer Sounds – Going well. This is the third week.

iii. Kids Arts- Going well. Will be presenting final show on July 29th for the Big Reveal and July 31st for the Circus. Both events will be held at Spencer School. Commissioners were invited to attend both finales.

iv. Fireworks Festival- July 3rd- Were spectacular and received many compliments.

c) **Semi-annual report to Mayor/Common Council** – Commissioner Lecce filled in for Chair Day at the Common Council meeting. Her report was well received.

d) **Use of Facebook for Promotion**- Commissioner MacSorley spoke about the proposal she wrote in support of using Facebook as another avenue to promote the activities in Arts2go. Expectation would be that the MCA commissioners would serve as administrators. She and Coordinator Allison will work to see how it can work for the MCA within city regulations.

Committee Reports:

a) **Endowment Research Committee** – ongoing

b) **Executive Committee**- Reported on the work done to move the city Poet Laureate materials forward. Using the work already done by Commissioner Godburn and the Poet Laureate sub-committee, the executive committee created a Call for Poet Laureate nominations and a description of the considerations of the Poet Laureate position. The goal is to have the nominations in September and hopefully appoint a city Poet Laureate in October.

