METUCHEN ARTS COUNCIL

MINUTES, APRIL 25, 2016

In Attendance: Grace Shakney, Teri Kohl, Ron Grayzel, John Sharp, Nancy Goldberg, Kathy Glaser, Linda LaStella, Bob Diken, Patty Ackerson, Deb Kmetz, Elizabeth Pallitto, Cathy Tardosky, Roman Stefaniew.

Bob Diken spoke about the state of the MAC website, and said that the number of views is promising. He is working with Linda on the newsletter for the site. It was mentioned that some of the guests attending the recent Singer/Songwriter Series had learned of the event from the MAC website.

About 40 people attended April's Singer Songwriters show, and the event was well received. The next show in the series is July 30.

The current Rotunda show features the work of Ed Wetzel and Edith Hodge Pletzner, with a tentative date of June 5 for an artist's reception.

The sculpture for this year's JuneBug is nearing completion.

Larry McCullough has left the position of Executive Director of the Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce. Grace reported that he praised the Borough for its involvement in the arts, and said that he was impressed with the Metuchen arts scene.

Seats on the May 4 MAC bus trip to Philadelphia are almost filled.

Woodwild Park is the central focus of The Garden Tour on June 26. The tour will start at nearby St. Luke's Church, with an exhibit there by the St. Veronica's Photography Club. Ed Wetzel is the guest artist in the park, and a few other artists will join him painting that afternoon. Five or six other artists have committed to make a body of work that will be auctioned off that evening at the after party at the BIL. Ads are being solicited for the tour booklet, which will be in production soon. Money from program ads and the silent auction will go to the Woodwild Park Association for refurbishing historic landmarks in the park including the Water Trough on Middlesex Avenue.

MAC member Claire McClanahan is performing in a play at the Luna Stage in West Orange. Old Love New Love runs through May 8, 2016.

Elizabeth Pallitto will negotiate terms for, and the possibility of the Poetry in Motion event in the fall.

The Community Mural project continues, the tiles for the "Winter" wall are now drying and interns are eager to get back to work.

The next MAC meeting is May 23.

Submitted by:

Cathy Tardosky, Secretary