



## MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 22, 2016

8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

In Attendance: Grace Shackney, Carolyn Hamming, John Sharp, Bob Diken, Elizabeth Pallitto, Deb Kmetz, Cathy Tardosky

### Reports

The Family Arts Sunflower Series is over, the shows were well received. The outdoor movie night at Oakland Park drew about 60 people.

The Dancespora performance is September 18, with a rain date of September 25.

The two Metuchen Rocks concerts held so far were great, with a good turnout. The final concert is this Thursday, August 25.

Two-thirds of the Songwriters Series is also completed, with the final performance set for November 4. Ticket sales for the July show totaled \$300., which was divided among the musicians.

The performance of Twelfth Night by the Dragonfly Multicultural Center was to be held at Tommy's Pond, but was moved indoors to St. Luke's due to rain. Both performances were well attended.

The current art exhibit at the Rotunda Gallery in Borough Hall features work by Eva Tuman. When this show ends in October, Eva's paintings will hang in the MDA office at the Forum Theatre. Margaret Cohen's art is the next exhibit at the Rotunda, followed by Boris Reyt's work.

The Winter portion of the Community Mural is ready for firing and glazing, and scheduled to be installed after Labor Day.

Elizabeth reported that negotiations for the music/poetry event didn't work out, but that she is exploring the possibility of a French singing group performing in town during its upcoming visit to the US.

Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission is sponsoring a grant-writing workshop on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 p.m. at East Jersey Old Town, River Road in Piscataway. Nancy Goldberg will attend. Our grant deadline for 2017 is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We plan to submit for METUCHEN ROCKS! and one other event.

The MAC will sponsor a bus trip late 2016, and Carolyn is exploring several possibilities including the Culinary Institute of America and the Botanical Garden (train show).

The next MAC meeting will be September 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Tardosky