



METUCHEN ARTS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2016

In Attendance: Grace Shackney, Ron Grayzel, Carolyn Hamming, John Sharp, Elizabeth Pallitto, Steve Reuter, Robert Diken, Linda Vonderschmidt-LaStella, Mark Harris, Cathy Tardosky, Deb Kmetz, and guest Roman Stefaniew.

The meeting was officially convened by Chairperson Grace Shackney, and the minutes from the February 25, 2016 meeting read and approved.

Deb Kmetz was welcomed as a newly appointed member of the MAC.

Last month's proposal from Dragonfly Multicultural Arts was discussed, and a motion was made and approved to make a donation to the theatre group in the amount of \$300 towards their summer Shakespeare program.

Nancy Goldberg shared news of her award that Metuchen Recreation and the Arts Council won for the Community Mural project. The ceremony took place in March in Atlantic City from the NJ Recreation Association conference. The award is on display in Nancy's office.

Bob Diken gave an update on the development of the MAC website, and stated that most of the views are coming from the Borough site. The MAC site will soon be linked to the Metuchen Chamber of Commerce website and with sites featuring JuneBug information.

Linda Vonderschmidt-LaStella gave an update on the Community Mural, and noted that the electrical box which is on the *Winter* side will be removed before work begins there.

Ed Wetzel has requested that some of the work by local artist Edith Pletzner accompany his paintings in the next Rotunda show, to be installed next week.

The 2016 JuneBug will be held each Saturday in June, with a street closure on the third Saturday which requires a rerouting of buses through town. Because of this there will be no rain date for the closure.

The next singer-songwriter program at the Old Franklin School is April 16 featuring friends of Sharon Goldman.

The DanceSpora Dance Company outdoor performance is scheduled for September 18, and the tentative location is Martin Luther King Park.

Art in the Garden is June 26 and is centered around Woodwild Park, with 5 or 6 artists painting in the park, and at least 2 other nearby gardens also on the tour. In conjunction with the tour, which is from 1 to 4 pm, will be an auction at the BIL, possibly from 6 to 8 pm, at which the artists' work will be sold and at auction. This event will be promoted during JuneBug.

The MAC is sponsoring a bus trip to the Barnes Museum, the Reading Market and a guided bus tour the city's murals on May 4. The cost is \$73.

The Artists' Salon proposal by Linda Vonderschmidt-LaStella is being considered for the future, with meetings to be held either at St. Luke's Church or an area restaurant/business.

NEW BUSINESS

Elizabeth Pallitto proposed a words and music performance featuring a poetry reading accompanied by a flute player, hopefully this fall or winter, maybe at St. Luke's Church. The Arts Council members embraced the idea, and Elizabeth is checking on the logistics of this event.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Tardosky