



MAC MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2016

In Attendance: Grace Shackney, Ron Grayzel, Kathy Glaser, John Sharp, Bob Diken, Roman Stefaniw, Carolyn Hamming, Claire McClanahan, Cathy Tardosky, Steve Reuter, Nancy Goldberg, Elizabeth Pallitto, Deb Kemetz.

REPORTS:

- DanceSpora's outdoor performance of "Rapture For A Season" was performed at Tommy's Pond to a small crowd on September 25th. It had been postponed from September 18th because of the weather. Grace led a brainstorming session to come up with ideas to increase attendance at MAC sponsored events. It was the consensus that additional sponsorship for many of the cultural offerings is needed.
- The next Singer Songwriter event at the Old Franklin Schoolhouse is November 4.
- Grant Applications - Grace Shackney reported that two grant applications were submitted to Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission for:
 - The 2017 Metuchen Rocks series. There are five Thursdays in 2017, for which we may cover four with one of the night designated for Jazz. Three bands mentioned in the grant include The Lonesome Pines (Country, Roots, Folk); David Cedenno & His Salsa Band; The Circle of Trust with Ben Davis (Rock).
 - A quartet from the NJ Symphony Orchestra to perform a concert of Italian classical music called "A Walk Through Italy," on March 11, 2017 at either St. Luke's or First Presbyterian Church. Possibilities to partner with Italian restaurants for a "dinner and a show" are being explored.
- The Rotunda Gallery - An exhibit of the work by the Art Group at the Metuchen Senior Center will be shown next month at The Rotunda Gallery in Borough Hall. This show replaces the previously scheduled exhibit by Boris Reyt. There will be openings in The Rotunda Gallery's new Board in the upcoming months. Some of the artwork by Eva Tuman will be displayed in the MDA office, located in the Forum Theatre. Kathy Glaser is researching sources for an outdoor sign to announce exhibits.
- The Artists' Gathering is scheduled for October 21, 2017. The primary goals of the group are to create networks for all artists, and to support the MAC and the Arts in general.
- Carolyn Hamming is planning a bus trip to the Botanical Gardens/Arthur Avenue for December, and possibly a trip to the Culinary Institute in the Spring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Open Mic is Friday, September 30th, 7 p.m. at the Old Franklin School
- The annual Pumpkin Carving and Float will be held October 22, 2016.

The next Arts Council meeting is October 24, 2016, 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Tardosky