

METUCHEN ARTS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 27, 2012

Chairman Grace Shackney opened the meeting at 8pm. Those present were: Terry Kohl, Kathy Glaser, Henry Chang, Ron Grayzel, Ed Logue, Paula Bennett, Linda LaStella Carissa Sestito and Carolyn Hamming.

SUNSHINE LAW ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WELCOME:

Grace opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and acknowledged the meeting was open to the public in pursuant to the Sun Shine Law. Grace introduced and welcomed new member Carissa Sestito.

BY-LAWS:

Grace brought up the revised By-Laws for the membership to approve. There was a motion to approve by Henry Chang. Ed Logue seconded the motion. The By-Laws as amended were unanimously approved.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND UP-DATES:

- The National Night out August 8th was well attended. The event was held in Friendly's parking lot.
- Henry Chang reported that the outdoor movie on August 18th had approximately 100-150 in attendance. Grace and Bobby from the Department of Public Works helped with the free popcorn, which netted us \$75 in donations. EMS sold candy as a fundraiser.
- Grace reported on Metuchen Rocks concerts. There were record crowds, in the 200-300 range for each of the concerts so far. The last concert on Sept. 2 will be the Spider Monkeys. The BIL will be sponsoring a pot luck dinner before the concert.
- Carolyn told of the Jazz Concert on Sept.22. This outdoor free concert will be held at Borough Hall. The Mike Kaplan Nonet and Richard Reiter Swing Band will perform. Carolyn talked about the concert and the grant procedure and asking if there would be any commissioner interested in continuing the program. At our next meeting there will be a discussion about grant ideas.
- Grace brought up the idea of doing a bus trip to McCarter to see the Russian ballet. This will be in January. Caroline and Nancy will look into the cost.
- Linda mentioned the new art gallery that will open at St. Luke's. The opening will be on Sept. 22nd. The commission will do a floral arrangement for the opening, with a value of up to \$100.
- Gallery at the Rotunda has found that some of the local schools are not as cooperative as others with regard to framing, labeling and organized receptions. This is something the Gallery Committee is working on. Linda brought up the idea of ceiling lightening for the gallery. She will look into costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2012.

Submitted by Carolyn Hamming