

METUCHEN ARTS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 26, 2012

The Metuchen Arts Council meeting on November 26nd was called to order by Chairperson Grace Shackney at 8:00 p.m. Those present were: Grace Shackney, Kathy Glaser, John Sharp, Carolyn Hamming, Amy Brooks, Ed Logue, Terry Kohl, Ron Grayzel, Nancy Goldberg, Chris Morrison, Linda LaStella.

SUNSHINE LAW ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Chairperson Grace Shackney acknowledged the meeting was open to the public in pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meetings held on September 27 and October 24, 2012 were unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION – SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2013:

At the January meeting we will be required to elect a chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. To date, Grace Shackney has been nominated for Chairperson and Amy Brooks for Vice Chairperson. Grace asked that any other nominations be sent to her before the next meeting on January 28, 2013.

PROGRAM REPORTS AND PLANNING:

- GALLERY REPORT – Amy Brooks reported that Kim Aldeman is the designated Gallery Director for 2013. The next artist to show will be Alex Proneiski. The Student Gallery will feature the work of students from St. Joseph's High School.
 - Grace mentioned that in her discussions with the Linda Graff at Metuchen High School the idea of organizing guest lectures and demonstrations at the High School by local artists would be welcomed.
- BUS TRIP TO SEE THE RUSSIAN BALLET – Carolyn reported that she and Nancy have arranged for us to purchase a block of 36 tickets to see *Cinderella* performed by the State Ballet Theatre of Russia at McCarter Theatre in Princeton on Sunday, January 20, 2012. Money left over in the 2012 budget was use to purchase the tickets and subsidize the price of the ticket, which includes round trip bus transportation. We will offer the tickets for \$55 a person.
- COFFEEHOUSE PROGRAM – John Sharp is looking into a cabaret performance by Barbara Gurskey at the BIL sometime in February or March. Greg Steir was suggested as a Coffeehouse performer.
- OUTDOOR DANCE PERFORMANCE – Grace reported that it would cost \$4,000 to bring DanceSpora to Metuchen to perform their environmental dance piece outdoors. The dance piece was originally commission for the D&R Greenway in Hopewell. The sites under consideration are Tommy's Pond and the field at the Metuchen trailhead to the Greenway on Middlesex Avenue. The dance piece is

accompanied by a jazz ensemble performing original music. This might be something we could use to expand our Jazzfest if we could find funding for it.

- 4TH OF JULY BAND CONCERT: Ed Logue reported that he worked out a budget of \$3,500 for band concert.
- OTHER IDEAS DISCUSSED –Student films and/or old movies on METV.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gallery Lighting - Nancy reported that she discussed the quote we received from Econo-Lite for a lighting system for the Gallery in the Rotunda with the Borough Administrator, Bill Borth. Bill is not keen on putting a track with lights on the ceiling of the Rotunda. He also stated that the job would have to go out to bid. He will look into other alternatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Morrison said that his company was giving away some old hand-held wireless mikes and he offered to check if they would be appropriate for our use.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Arts Council's annual holiday party will take place on December 7, 2012 at the home of Carolyn Hemming.

All business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. **The next Arts Council meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2013.**

Submitted by

Carolyn Hemming