

METUCHEN ARTS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES, April 22, 2013

The Metuchen Arts Council meeting on April 22, 2013 was called to order by Chairperson Grace Shackney at 8:00 p.m. Those present were: Kathy Glaser, Grace Shackney, Ed Logue, John Sharp, Linda LaStella, Terry Kohl, Borough Council Rep. Ron Grayzel, and Recreation Director Nancy Goldberg, Advisory Board member Kim Adlerman.

SUNSHINE LAW ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON April 1,, 2013:

Minutes approved by acclamation. New member Tamara Hladik was approved by membership.

PROGRAM REPORTS:

- Gallery: Kim Adlerman reported that the March 31st Rotunda opening for David Nicolato was attended by about 15 people. The closing reception for the Metuchen HS exhibit will be the opening of Junebug.
- Junebug: Grace Shackney reported she, Nancy Goldberg, and Carissa Sestitio met and have begun programming performers for all four Fridays in June. Nancy reported that the showmobile may be available.
- Open Mike: Will be held each night of Junebug and the last Friday of every month at Brewed Awakening.
- Garden Tour: Linda reported that we have 4 great gardens committed and 1 more possibility. Poster done and Nancy can do printing. BIL will be starting point for tour. Edison Arts Society asked co-produce the tour and it was decided to decline this year. Linda showed the council a draft of the letter and questionnaire for the homeowners. John contacting store owners to sell tickets and place posters. Each volunteer will receive a ticket and each home owner will receive two tickets. Kathy will handle booklet and Ed will arrange for musicians.
- Metuchen Rocks: Grace reported that the bands are in place for the summer series. One group is problematic for funding because of their name. The group is out of Princeton but their name is The Philadelphia Jazz Orchestra. Labor Day concert is scheduled for Sunday and plans may include a community pot luck dinner in the Senior Citizens parking lot sponsored by the Metuchen Farmers Market Committee.
- Outdoor Movie: No report
- Bus Trips: Grace reported that Carolyn Hamming is working on a trip to the Brooklyn Museum.

Old Business:

- Gallery Lighting and Banner: Lighting should be done shortly and Nancy indicated that there will be two banners that will be placed on light posts in front of Boro hall. The Art Council banner mounts are missing, Linda may have a stanchion that would work for us.
- Web site: No report

New Business: Ron Grayzel will be talking to Rich of METV regarding Ad for Garden Tour and Summer Interview in Metuchen.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Terry Kohl

Metuchen Arts Council
Meeting Minutes, June 24, 2013

The meeting of the Metuchen Arts Council was called to order by Chairperson, Grace Shackney. Present were Linda LaStella, Chris Morrison, Carissa Sestito, Ron Grayzel, Terry Kohl, Kim Adlerman and Nancy Goldberg.

Sunshine Law Acknowledgment:

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

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of May28, 2013:

Minutes were tabled until next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Program Reports:

- Gallery: Kim reported that Steve Beal will be featured in the Rotunda July 3-September 30. Opening is scheduled for July 14th. The new lighting has been installed in the rotunda and does make a big difference in the presentation of the Art. Lamp Post Banner incurred a small delay due to a computer problem.
- Junebug: Ending this week.
- Garden Tour: Nancy reported an income of \$1585 some bills still outstanding so final total still pending. A discussion followed regarding a donation to the BIL for use of the building for the tour. No vote as no quorum. Five gardens have already been selected for next year tour. Tentative date is first week of June 2014. Interest to joining in on the venture was expressed by Garden clubs of both Metuchen and Edison.
- Band Concert vs. Dance Program: The cost of the band concert is close to \$4000 and the profits from the Garden tour are not sufficient to cover that cost and the cost for a Dance Program presented at an earlier meeting this year. As there was no quorum no vote was taken. However, the Chair will poll members for their opinions prior to our next meeting.
- Movie Night: No Change
- Bus Trip: July 22nd to Brooklyn Museum of Art featuring John Singer Sargent and the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. Cost is \$45 for bus and admission fees.
- Website: No report

New Business:

Chris suggested that we might consider a music program in an upcoming year at a 24 hour Vietnam Vigil held in Memorial Park. Council should consider a directory of artists to be placed on our website. Linda offered to chair a survey committee.

Announcements:

Open Mike nights continue last Friday of every month at Brewed Awakenings

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

Next meeting is Monday June 24th at 8 PM in Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Terry Kohl

Secretary