

METUCHEN ARTS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES, JULY 28, 2014

The Metuchen Arts Council meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grace Shackney at 8:10 by chair, Grace Shackney. Those present were: Dottie Winhold, Ron Grezel, Nancy Goldberg, John Sharp, Henry Chang, Carolyn Hamming and guest Cathy Tardowsky.

Grace reported that the Schoolhouse Songwriter Series' first program on July 26th at an Old Franklin School was a success. with over 40 in attendance. The monies collected at the door went to the performer. The Art Council paid the cost of the venue and provided refreshments. The next performance will be Oct. 18th.

Henry Chang reported on the Family Arts program. There had been 3 children's events so far and they were mostly sold out.

Henry also reported that the this year's outdoor movie night will be on August 23rd at Oakland Park. The features will be "The Little Mermaid" and "The Goonies". EMS will be selling refreshments as a fundraiser for their organization.

Grace Shackney reported that all is set for the Metuchen Rocks! Summer Concert Series which opens on August 14th with Andy Bernstein and (Friends). The Series continues with Big Nancy and the Supreme Court on August 21st and the Kevin Hildebrandt Jazz Trio on August 28th. The series closes with a concert at the Farmers Market on Saturday September 5th with a performance by the country band Citizens Band Radio. The Arts Council is arranging for the County Showmobile for this last concert.

Grace also confirmed that the Gallery walk that includes all 5 galleries in town is scheduled for Oct. 5th. Details to follow.

Under new business, Grace reported that the new chairman of the Highland Park Arts Council asked to meet with representatives of the Junebug committee and the Metuchen Arts Council to discuss how we can work together. A meeting is being set up for August.

Grace also reported that Perth Amboy just past a resolution creating an arts council. She expressed the hope that we can develop a relationship with that council as well.

Nancy Goldberg reported that she is in talks with the Metuchen Savings Bank about possibly sponsoring an outdoor movie series next year. Nancy will keep us posted.

Under announcements, Grace reminded everyone that Danny Adlerman's Open Mics are scheduled for the last Friday of each month.

The Arts Council meets next on Monday, August 25, 2014.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

Submitted by Carolyn Hamming