

METUCHEN ARTS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES JUNE 23, 2014

The Metuchen Arts Council Meeting on June 23, 2014 was called to order by Chairperson Grace Shackney at 8 PM. Those present were: John Sharp, Henry Chang, Linda LaStella, Carissa Sestito, Nancy Goldberg and Terry Kohl. All present were guests Cathy Tardosky, Sharon Goldman and Lauren Rabinowitz. No Quorum, so no motions can be moved this evening.

Sunshine Law Acknowledgement:

Chairperson Grace Shackney acknowledged the meeting was open to the public pursuant to the Sunshine Law and welcomed our guests. Cathy Tardosky expressed an interest in joining the council, Sharon was there to speak about School House Songwriter Series, and Lauren has expressed interest in helping with the creation of an Arts Council website.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes Held over for approval till the next meeting as there was no quorum.

Program Reports:

June Bug: Grace reported that Channel 12 News broadcast live from Main Street at the June 20th Junebug. Thank you to the many stores who allowed the use of their windows for artist's work. Artists are grateful as some art was purchased.

Mural: Linda LaStella was pleased to report that the edging tiles are complete and drying. An additional \$160 was raised.

Art in the Garden: Nice success. \$1285, gross sales and donations from Boro Hardware and Metuchen Savings, was collected. Expenses of \$612 need to be paid for Programs, BIL rental and garden tiles. Discussion followed as to how we can make the tour more of a fundraiser as it is our only one.

Bus Trip: Trip on June 25 to Philadelphia Museum is SOLD OUT!

Movies: Henry Chang reported that the Outdoor Movie Night will be Aug 23th at Oakland Park. Films are Little Mermaid and Goonies.

Metuchen Rocks: Bands are all set for August. Bands are:

August 1: Andy Berstein and

August 21: Bing Nancy and the Supreme Court (R&B)

August 28: Kevin Hildebrandt Trio (Jazz)

Sept 6: Citizens Band Radio (Country)

Last concert will be 9/6 to coincide with a "Harvest Festival" at the Farmers Market

Other Programs:

The Schoolhouse Songwriters Series begins on 7/26 at the Old Franklin School. As a sponsor, the Arts Council is covering the cost of the Franklin School rental and providing staffing and refreshments at the event.

Gallery Walk: Scheduled for 10/5

Old Business:

Web Site: Lauren Rabinowski has volunteered to help with the Arts Council website design. She will work with Henry Chang and the rest of his committee.

New Business:

Open Mic: Every Friday during June at Brewed Awakenings.

Family Arts is Planning a 4 part Sunflower Series for young children at the Old Franklin School. The first performance is June 25 with Mr. Ray; the second is July 9 with Martin Swinger. Weather permitting, the performances will be help outdoors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next meeting is Monday, July 28 at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Terry Kohl

Secretary