



MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

Music Committee

Minutes: February 19, 2019

Municipal Building, Room B-19

Music Committee of the MCA

1. Called to order by Subcommittee Chair Barbara Arafeh on February 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
Attending: Barbara Arafeh, Domenique Thornton, Anne-Marie Cannata McEwen and Kisha Michael
2. No public session
3. Approval of Minutes 9-10-18 passed
4. Chair Reports passed
5. Old Business
 - i. Discussion of musical venues. List attached to the minutes Exhibit 1.
 - ii. Discussion proposed exhibit to highlight the musical history and musicians of Middletown and musical groups at the Middlesex County Historical Society. New Executive Director Maria Weinberger met favorably with proposal after meeting with subcommittee chair Barbara Arafeh. Attached outline of the proposal is attached as Exhibit 2. Discussion of the file list of names in the MCA office which is currently unsorted or categorized as to specialty, interest or instrument. The Subcommittee discussed organizing these materials in a manner which can be used as a resource to develop and foster music for Middletown.
 - iii. Various additional resources were again mentioned as the Middletown Room at the Russell Library, Wesleyan Olin Library Archives, the Musicians Union, the Hartford Jazz Society, Reginald DeKoven, Allie Wrubel, Henry Clay Works.
 - iv. Anne-Marie Cannata McEwen agreed to contact the archivist from First Church Middletown, UCC to determine if they have any records that are relevant to our project and develop materials for the historical display.
 - v. New Business
 - a. Subcommittee discussed the MCA office as the depository for the music allied resources in the commission office.

Adjournment 8:20 PM

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*DRAFT – Music Committee Notes:

Exhibit 1 - Venues List:

Noble Hall @ CVH

Performing Arts Center at M.H.S.

Woodrow Wilson Auditorium

Snow School Auditorium

Keigwin Auditorium

Mercy High School Auditorium

Xavier High School Auditorium

Synagogue

First Church

Church of the Holy Trinity

South Church

Baptist Church Stage

Elks Club

Masonic Hall

Oddfellows Playhouse

Middlesex Community College

Wesleyan University (Russell House, 92 Theater, Chapel, McConaughy Hall)

City of Middletown park-able stage (show mobile)

Main St. Theater

City Hall Common Council Chambers

City's Outdoor Concerts Series at Gazebo on River

Diner

Canoe Club

Herb Garden

Russell Library

Exhibit 2 - Venues List:

Timeline for

1600's – early concerts

1700's – Yankee Doodle

1800's – Civil War

1900's – Robin Hood

2000's – Ethnomusicology