



Minutes of the Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

Room 208, 245 deKoven Drive

Middletown, CT

Present

Barbara Arafah

Julia Faraci

John Basinger

Franca Biales

Joyce Kirkpatrick

Crystal Laffan

David Bauer

Lee Godburn

Sebastian Giuliano, Council Member

Charlotte McCoid, Vice Chair

Pamela Steele, Secretary

Robert Santangelo, Council Member

Also Present

Kisha Michael, Art Coordinator

Absent

John Basinger

David Bauer

Cassandra Day

1. **Call to Order** - 7:06 p.m.
2. **Public Session** – None
3. **Minutes**
 - a. September 25, 2019 Motion to approve by Seb Giuliano, seconded by Lee Godburn, approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Motion to approve agenda as written by Seb Guliano, seconded by Franca Biales, approved unanimously
5. **Remarks from the Chair** - None
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Budget Report- None
 - b. Program Update - Writing transition notes for new mayor
 - i. Arts Calendar – 677 and 736 followers on FB
 - ii. Grants – Updating guidelines, and streamlining application
 - iii. Holiday on Main – Fri. Nov. 29th kickoff with tree lightings on Main Street
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Executive– No report
 - b. Public Art – Asking for a joint meeting with Public Works when artist comes to town for discussion on the busts.
 - c. Nominating – No report
 - d. Planning and Projects
 - i. Press release went out for Arts Advocacy Award, waiting for nominations. Reminder to come to December’s meeting with suggestions.
 - e. Music
 - i. Researching music in Middletown; and looking for music sources for exhibition.
 - f. Poet Laureate
 - i. Attended poet’s discussion, and had readings at the Buttonwood Tree.
 - g. Grants Process Review
 - i. Need to schedule a meeting for review of final revisions of guidelines and application.

8. New Business

a. Category 2/3 Grant Panel Award Recommendations

- i. Six applicants were presented. A motion was made to approve the six applicant awards. Motion made by Godburn, 2nd by Biales, passed unanimously.

Salt Marsh Opera	Kids Love Opera!	\$5,000
T.David Westmoreland	Cantatas	\$1,000
Oddfellows Playhouse	Mockingbird	\$2,000
Joe Fonda	13th Annual Festival	\$2,000
Ct Storytelling Ctr.	Littlest Listeners	\$2,000
New Haven Sy.Orch	Musical Coaching	\$1,000
*ARTFARM	UMBRA Production	\$2,500
	Total:	\$15,500

b. Music Ambassador 2020

- i. Formalize process to be in line with Arts Advocacy Award. Will go under the Music Committee.

c. Bylaws Review

- i. Subcommittee was formed with Lee Godburn and Joyce Kirkpatrick

d. Grants-WESU Revisions

- i. WESU Revisions – Motion by Joyce Kirkpatrick, 2nd by Lee Godburn, passed unanimously
- ii. *A motion was made to pay Marcella’s grant that was not encumbered in last year’s budget to be paid from current budget. Motioned by Crystal Laffan, 2nd by Joyce Kirkpatrick, passed unanimously.

9. Announcements

- i. Buttonwood Tree Anniversary
- ii. Gilbert & Sullivan’s “Thespis” was a great performance
- iii. Article on Para Dancing in Sunday’s Courant
- iv. Bell Ringing at Indian Hill Cemetery – Oct. 15th
- v. Chorale – Performance on Nov. 10th
- vi. Comcast Public Access is having an open house
- vii. ArtsNet90 meeting Sat. Oct. 29th at 9:00 am
- viii. Cyber Security Awareness – Arts Contest
- ix. Para Dance – Kick start fundraiser

10. Adjournment– Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:39 by Lee Godburn, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Steele, Secretary

cc: Town Clerk,
Mayor Daniel T. Drew

Next Meeting November 20, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Senior Center, 61 Durante Terrace

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arts@middletownct.gov no later than Tuesday prior to meeting**

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