

Middletown Commission on the Arts

Minutes, June 25, 2014

Present

Cassandra Day (chair)
Franca Biales (sec.)
Richard Kamins
Joyce Kirkpatrick
Lee Godburn
Barbara Arafah
Sebastian Giuliano

Also Present

Stephan Allison, Staff

Absent

Robert Santangelo
JennyHawkinsLecce(v.chair)
Lance Timmons(student rep)
Fran Ganguli
Charlotte McCoid
Sara MacSorley

Call to order

Commission Chair Day called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in Municipal Building Room 208

Public session: no public present

Minutes from May 28, 2014

Motion to approve by Godburn, seconded by Kamins. Discussion: none. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the meeting agenda as written by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Kamins. Carried unanimously.

Remarks from the Chair- Chairman Day would like to see more local arts articles in the Press. Asked for leads or ideas. Cited recent articles involving Michael Arafah and Frank Critelli, and the Green Street Arts joining forces with the Make a Wish Foundation to benefit local girl.

Old Business:

a) **Budget Report-** closing out the year with about \$800 going back into general fund from Administration line

b) **Program Update**

Enrollment is down in the Children's Circus of Middletown because we can't offer full day. There is need for full day program in the community. \$30,000 increase in budget would cover the cost of expanding program from half day to full day (about 140 more children). Kirkpatrick will get lists of families who have participated in the past with the hope that they will voice these needs to the Mayor and Common Council.

Arts Stakeholders Group – met June 18, 2014, Hubbard Room, 5:00 pm, for potluck dinner. well attended. Good opportunity to meet and socialize. Will schedule potluck dinners 4 times a year.

Committee Reports:

1) **Endowment Research Committee** -ongoing

2) **Executive Committee**- ongoing

3) **Nominating Committee**

a) Review of Bylaws – ongoing

b) Nomination suggestions- Still need to have commissioners appointed to MCA. Kamins will compile nomination list with suggestions from commissioner and will present list to Mayor with a request that he appoint commissioners to fill vacant seats on MCA.

i) Slate for Executive Committee- Chair- Cassandra Day/Vice Chair-Jenny Hawkins Lecce/Secretary- Franca Biales

4) **Planning and Projects Committee**- ongoing

- 5) **Public Art Committee**-Kirkpatrick attended the MHS award program to present Joe Hartman with the MCAAAA award for his photo montage.
 - a) \$600 plus \$150 for framing was awarded to Guy Scullion for his cut paper piece.
- 6) **Public Art Policy for Acquisitions**-ongoing

New Business-Kirkpatrick reported the chapel at Indian Hill Cemetery received a grant for restoration. There are opportunities for others to get involved in fundraising.

Miscellaneous:

- a) Grant reports -none
- b) Announcements
 - Middletuners recently performed at Memorial service for former members
 - Opera dates have been set for upcoming season-November, March, May
 - July 2 begins the concerts at the Mansion- Wednesday nights @ 6:00pm
 - Managing Director for GMC will be leaving in July
 - Gala at the Wadsworth Mansion to honor Marco Gaylord on June 22, was a great event

Adjournment:

Kamins made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Giuliano. The MCA will next meet for its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, room 208 Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Franca Biales