

Middletown Commission on the Arts

Minutes, January 28, 2015

Present

Cassandra Day (chair)
Franca Biales (sec.)
Lee Godburn
Joyce Kirkpatrick (7:03)
Charlotte McCoid
Julia Faraci (7:08)
Barbara Arafah
Jay Hoggard
Anthony Moran (Student rep)
Jackie Pawlak (Student rep)
Robert Santangelo (7:05)
Sebastian Giuliano (7:16)

Also Present

Stephan Allison, Staff

Absent

Sara MacSorley
Jenny Hawkins Lecce (v.c.)
Fran Ganguli

Call to order

Chairwoman Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Municipal Building, B19

Public Session – Jay Hoggard, newly appointed commissioner, was introduced and welcomed.

Minutes

a) December 17, 2014 - Motion to approve by Commissioner Godburn, seconded by Commissioner McCoid. Discussion: none. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

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

Remarks from the Chair - Welcome to Jay Hoggard

Old Business:

- a) **Budget Report-** provided electronically to commissioners
- b) **Program Update**
 - i. Arts Stakeholders Group – Held potluck dinner in January. Well-attended.
 - ii. Summer Sounds – no report
 - iii. Kids Arts – ongoing. Registration forms will be available online and in schools next month.
- c) **Semi-annual report to Mayor/Common Council** – Will present at the March Common Council meeting. Committee chairs will provide brief overview of work done by MCA to Chair Day.
- d) Other- none

Committee Reports:

- a) **Endowment Research Committee** – ongoing
- b) **Executive Committee-** ongoing
- c) **Nominating Committee- no report**
 - i. Review of Bylaws – ongoing
 - ii. Other
- d) **Planning and Projects Committee-**
 - i. Poet Laureate-
 - o New Subcommittee will be formed to administer the Poet Laureate project.

- Term for Poet Laureate will be 3 year term to begin July 1 and end June 30 of the 3rd year.
 - Subcommittee will select the review panel.
 - The review panel will be comprised of 5 poets and literary professionals.
 - The review panel will present its selection to MCA for approval.
 - MCA will have the right to approve or disapprove panel's selection.
 - Nomination deadline will be in April (exact date TBD).
 - Panel review by May 30.
 - Commission approval and public announcement by June 30.
- ii. Arts Advocacy Award(s) - March 23-24, 2015 - Award will go to John Basinger, and the Middleshire Artists at Kid City.
- iii. Kids Arts expansion considerations-ongoing
- e) **Public Art Committee**
- i. Public Art Policy for Acquisitions- ongoing
 - ii. Senior/Community Center- February 6, 2015 will be Grand Opening. Looking for public artwork to display. Artists can choose to lend art to Senior/Community Center.

New Business

- a) **2015-2016 Budget** - distributed electronically. Will need to add Poet Laureate stipend to the budget. \$11,300 has already been awarded from Grants line, leaving \$51,700 for the remainder of the year.
- b) **Grants panel selection** – Cat. 2 & 3 will be reviewed by panel. Panelists are Cassandra Day, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Barbara Arafteh, with Franca Biales serving as alternate. Category 1 will be reviewed by entire commission at next MCA meeting on February 25, 2015 at the New Senior/Community Center.

Miscellaneous

- a) **Grant Report(s)**- submitted to commissioners electronically

b) Announcements

- The Wadsworth Mansion is looking for volunteers to serve as docents
- The GMC Messiah concert was a huge success and thanks MCA for its support.
- The Soloist Alumni Concert at MHS on December 27, 2014 beautifully showcased the talents of former soloists of Middletown High School Goes to the Symphony.
- Middletown Goes to the Symphony will be May 11, 2015. A not-to-be-missed performance. Tickets may be purchased through MPS's central office.
- The Greater Middletown Concert Association's line up for this year has been announced
 - April 12, 2015- A Multimedia Music Tribute
 - March 28, 2015 - The Barber of Seville
 - May 29, 2015 - La Bohème

Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:22 pm.

The MCA will next meet for its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in the conference room at the New Senior/Community Center, 61 Durant Terrace.

Respectfully submitted,
Franca Biales