

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 4, 2020, 8:00 am

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 8 a.m. by D. Gioffre

In attendance: J. Cohen, G. Fee, B. Schreier, B. Sohler, Fr. Smth, C. Rebovich, D. Gioffre, T. Freeman

Excused: C. Elek, R. Sriwardena, S. Zaretsky, A. Pancel, R. Michelson, J. Sinnott, S. Godhavi

There were no announcements.

Minutes

Motion by B. Sohler, seconded by C. Rebovich to approve December Minutes as presented. Motion carried

Financial Report --none

Artist Review --none

Musician Review--none

Building Assignments

D. Gioffre asked commissioners to sign up to work at events that will begin in February; sign up sheet circulated

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Wood is still being repaired on outside of the windows.

Education

No report; D. Gioffre asked C. Knight to reach out to A. Pancel to see where we are with programming for the upcoming year. D. Gioffre reported that some of the funds received from Rahway Savings Institution will be allocated to the Taste of the Arts Program.

Events—no report

Finance

Total income from the donations box and train show shirt sales was \$5,554., an increase of almost 12% over last year's total of \$4,966.

Friends

Thirty-seven different individuals volunteered 161 different times at the train show this year. Also 4 commissioners each volunteered one time.

Ways and Means

Spring 2020 trip

Announcement is out; 11 registered to date; tickets have been paid for; awaiting receipt from museum; bus confirmed

Staff Report

Distributed at meeting. C. Knight thanked Commissioners who assisted and supported December events. Thanked Commissioners who assisted at the train show. BAC is recipient of two grants from Middlesex County—one for history and one for art.

Avenel Art Village Report

T. Freeman reported that beginning 2020 the Arts Village will offer less programming with fewer time slots and lower prices in the hopes to improve the attendance at each show. The Village has a new general manager and a new chef.

Old Business

Downstairs plan update—waiting for Council approval to begin work

2020 appointments—all reappointments have been confirmed by the Council

Strategic Planning meeting—we will meet directly after the February 1 meeting to review the strategic plan. The current plan will be sent to the Commission prior to the meeting.

Holiday Dinner, January 15, 2020, 6:30 p.m.; reservations will be made at Loucas

New Business

Nominating Committee

B. Sohler will chair the Nominating Committee; members will be C. Rebovich and Fr. Smith. Positions to be filled: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer

Train show report—Very successful train show which was well-attended. 100 train show shirts sold
See Finance report above for the fund-raising results.

D. Gioffre reported that C. Knight and D. Gioffre met with RSI last week and received a donation to the Barron Arts Center for \$2,500. A large check was presented, photos were taken. The Cultural Arts Commission thanked the representatives of RSI for their support of the Barron Arts Center.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. Next meeting: Saturday, February 1, 2020, 8 a.m., Barron Arts Center