

Oxford Cultural Arts Commission

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 13 · 7:00 – 9:00pm

Time zone: America/New_York

Google Meet joining info

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Call to Order (time): 7:03

Attending Commissioners: Richard Franzino, Cynthia Soucy, Kathy Johnson, Adriene Radcliffe

Audience of Citizens: (name and address): JoAnna Lucas - 49 New Street Seymour CT, Nicole Veach and Tyler Kittleman - 440 Chestnut Tree Oxford CT, Heather Graham - 72 Misty Vale Derby CT

JoAnna is our Library Art Director. Nicole and Tyler spoke on a few topics of interest about theater and public access.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Accepted minutes from June 8th meeting as read, First motion Rich, 2nd Kathy

Correspondence: Applications are being received and processed for the 52nd Arts and Crafts Fair

Treasurer's Report - Rich Franzino

June 2023 Treasurer's report

General Fund: Expires June 30 2023 \$6.38

Special Activities: \$15,983.61

PAY PAL: \$52.92, income \$52.92, fees \$2.92, \$0 transfer

New Bills: \$

Grant #1 Dec 2022-Dec 7 2023 \$1000 beginning bal, expenditure \$40.00, Bal. 89.18.

Grant #2 Dec 2022 - Dec 2023 \$5100 beginning bal. expenditures \$400.00 for Make Music Day musicians, Bal. 4700.00

Total of timed funds \$4795.56

Total of untimed funds \$15983.61

Grand Total of Accounts including Grants \$20,779.17

Old Business and OCAC Program Reports:

Library Partnership: JoAnna reports that the last Artist reception was a great success with about 13 attendees. Art hanging dates and takedowns seem to be going smoothly, next show is Waterworks. Need to discuss partnership with the library to see if we can expand and continue other programs.

Social Media and Website: . Investigating process for town approval to accept electronic payments. Richard is working with Jim to be able to accept credit card payments efficiently on our website, and withdraw any monies being held in the website. JoAnna also said she will take a look at this in the website.

52nd Arts and Crafts Fair: Applications being processed and vendor list being finalized. Budget for ARTS and Crafts Fair was discussed to be \$650.00. Richard made 1st and Kathy 2nd, vote was unanimous.

New Business:

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Car Show: July 22nd, rain date the 23rd. We will not raffle any items as we would need a permit to do so. We discussed and approved the sale of cold water and Adriene has graciously agreed to donate water. We will have a table set up to distribute information.

Juneteenth: June 17th was the day this was done as it was a Saturday. We supplied the Poet Iyaba Ibo Mandingo who was excellent in his speaking before the Jazz Concert featuring Billie Holiday's music by the Waterbury Symphony. Good success and look forward to next year.

Make Music Day: This was held on June 21st. Fritz's venue was not the best location for our artist and we will hesitate placing another one next year, depending on the artist. The Oxford Baking Co. performers were excellent and spoke to the grass roots of this event. Country Creamery was the best venue and people really enjoyed the music and atmosphere. All these help to drive customers to the local businesses. This was a great success.

Newsletter/Town Calendar: Discussion and possible investigation for a central calendar.

Artist Open Studio Program Development: Discussion and update, Town Hall basement. Would like to have arts classes in the evening.

Strategic yearly plan - Contests are on hold.. Need to update our Strategic Plan on paper. No raffling off of items unless we have a permit.

Membership - Multi Pronged approach discussed. Recruitment letters and email as well as regular mail discussed, maybe a patch article.

Grant Updates - We need to do surveys of our event attendees when possible to fulfill requirements for the grants.

Community Outreach - Richard briefly spoke of the Lions fundraising and the Grange rentals.

Share Your Art: JoAnna will begin soon with her series of arts classes at the library. This is also sponsored by OCAC.

Adjournment: Richard made 1st motion to adjourn and Kathy 2nd, adjournment at 8:54.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Soucy, Chair

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TOWN CLERK
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