

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION Meeting
September 14, 2016

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Fredette, Chair; Bruce Hirsch; Lenny Kovalik; Erin McLaughlin; William Franz; Paul Giarniero; and Theresa Piccolo

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Aubrey Booska and Michelle Genuario

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fredette called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fredette accepted a motion from Mr. Kovalik, seconded by Mr. Giarniero, to approve the minutes of the 8-10-2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III REPORTS

A. FINANCIAL

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hirsch stated the account balance was \$1,446.20. Mr. Fredette noted the Finance Department may have mixed the Art Commission's funds with that of the Short Beach Commission. Mr. Hirsch will follow-up with the Finance Department.

2. REQUEST FOR FUNDS

No discussion was held.

B. GRANT WRITING

No discussion was held.

C. SUBCOMMITTEES – STRATFORD STREET SCULPTURES

Ms. Booska and Ms. Genuario announced the new contest will be a replica of the Stratford Lighthouse minus the railing. A Coast Guard member suggested they contact the Lighthouse Society. Ms. Genuario mentioned the idea of a Passbook for students. Ms. Piccolo noted a Lighthouse Competition in Mystic in December. Ms. Booska and Ms. Genuario distributed a sponsorship packet, and noted the students from Bunnell and Stratford High will work on the logo again this year. The project name is "Stratford Will Light the Way", and the application will be posted on the Town website. They reported that most of the profits from last year's bench contest went to community grants and high school scholarships. Mr. Fredette suggested adding this competition to the Stratford Arts Commission's Facebook page.

IV FUNDRAISING

A. ARTIST SHOWCASE – SEPTEMBER

Ms. Piccolo reported they were overbooked at 26, with a waitlist. The painting will be a lighthouse.

B. ARTIST SHOWCASE – OCTOBER

Mr. Fredette announced that Kurt Ahlberg and Buddy Dinan will provide musical entertainment, and magician Andy Glad will also perform on Oct. 20, 2016. Mr. Fredette added he would like to add a third performer to this event.

C. COMEDY SHOW

No discussion was held.

V EVENTS - - BONFIRE ON THE BEACH (9-17-2016)

Mr. Fredette stated that Pat Matto, who is organizing this event, received a bill for three portajohns, three electricians, one crew leader and three maintainers. Ms. McLaughlin added that Mr. Matto was not expecting this bill as he was not charged for such at last year's event. Mr. Fredette explained that he was told by Maurice McCarthy, Director of Public Works, and the Mayor's office that Blues on the Beach killed any extra funds in the budget that might have gone to Bonfire on the Beach. Mr. Fredette and Ms. McLaughlin agreed to meet with Mayor Harkins on 9-15-2016 to request \$1,000 from the Town's General Fund be used toward Bonfire on the Beach, an event to support Swim Across the Sound and cancer research.

VI OLD BUSINESS

No discussion was held.

VII NEW BUSINESS

No discussion was held.

VIII OPEN DISCUSSION

No discussion was held.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fredette accepted a motion by Ms. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Giarniero, to adjourn at 8:11pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Marsh

Acting Secretary