

Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting Minutes April 2, 2018
Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow

RAC members in attendance: Mark Meachem, Vincent Conyers, Paul Gervais, Joshua Fisher, Amy Casey, Hilary Aronow, Jennifer DiLaura

Guest: Judi Lynch

Excused: Chris Sorgie

MINUTES

Jennifer made motion to approve the minutes from the March Meeting, Vincent seconded it, and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The significant change this month is the money raised from the Gallo guest bartender fundraiser, which totals \$1353.06 (income \$1314 minus \$60.94 expenses with additional \$100 check to be deposited). The other financial item of note is we need to keep an eye on Generator expenses as we are down \$72 so far this year for an event that typically pays for itself.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Arts Scholarship (Amy)-we currently have 4 applications, and Hilary and Mark will increase social media posts to try to encourage adults to apply as well before the deadline of 4/15. The council members discussed fine tuning the age requirements for next year.
2. Our Artists, Our Schools (Jennifer)-Unfortunately the original date of 3/9 was snowed out so it was rescheduled which caused lower attendance due to lack of awareness. It was still a successful event and we are looking at a Fall date for next year and to promote it as a series. 9/30 is the portion of this series done in conjunction with the Library with the Aldrich's portfolio review taking place in October.
3. Fundraiser Recap-Gallo was successful and we will consider repeating in next March. We also may consider Little Pub for a fundraiser option in the Fall.
4. Banners (Mark)-RIFF and ACT are up this month. It is not clear who is responsible for the banner program (Arts Council or ECDC) and Mark will meet with Rudy to clarify. After this clarification we will look into creating "place holder" banners created -- with area arts nonprofits sponsoring to help defray the cost.
5. Behind the Scenes (Paul)-It is booked for 6/7 at the Aldrich. Paul has sent out the reminders to arts organizations for their nominations which have started to come in.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chris volunteered to be the Treasurer, he was unanimously voted in.

2. Generator (Hilary)-Hilary to reach out to the Library as a May venue aiming for 5/21. Possible presenters are Gavin Guerra, the library's artist in residence and a dance performance from the Conservatory.
3. This Friday Jennifer and Mark and meeting with Wayne Adessi.
4. Daniela Sikora approached the RAC about getting a full page ad in the paper for CT Arts Day 4/25. Jennifer waiting to hear about rates before reaching out to arts organizations to see if they want to be involved.
5. Judi Lynch interviewed and the RAC for membership.

The Council then went into Executive Session to discuss Judi's application. After discussion, they voted to approve her joining the Council.

Meeting adjourned.