

January, 8, 2018
Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting Approved Minutes

Members in attendance: Jennifer DiLaura, (Acting President), Paul Gervais, Amy Casey, Vincent Conyers, Wendy Mitchell (Acting Secretary)

Guests in attendance: Judi Lynch, Jason Peck (Thrown Stone), Chris Sorgie, Clarice Shirvell

Absent members: Mark Meachem (President), Hilary Aronow (Secretary), Joshua Fisher

Guest Intro: Jennifer gave an overview to guest as to what the various programs and work that the Ridgefield Arts Council does.

Behind the Scenes: Paul Gervais explained the annual arts awards event which is the second Thursday of May.

Banners: Jennifer gave overview of banners on Main Street advertising various nonprofits' events. RAC is working with the ECDC to get a working plan in place.

Arts in Our Schools: Ridgefield High Schools' Arts in Our Schools is on March 9, 2018. Jennifer is working on securing artists to speak to students on that day. There are about 6 artists booked. March 19 is a possible date for another artist (a member from the band "Live") to come speak at RHS.

Arts Scholarship: Amy presented the application for the arts scholarship, a brand new initiative to support students who are pursuing advancement in artistic endeavor. Recipient must be a Ridgefield resident passionate about art and who will give back to the community. Scholarship is for \$500. Requirements include an application, teacher/mentor recommendation and submission of their work in art, dance, theater, music, poetry. Guest bartender night was discussed as fundraising event for scholarship. Application deadline is March 30, 2018.

Generator: Hilary absent. Possible date of Feb. 12, Valentine's theme.

Ridgefield Youth Commission Kindness Mural: Wendy invited RAC members to the RYC team planning meeting on Weds. Feb. 7 at 7pm at The Barn.

Interview with Chris Sorgie, interested in becoming an Arts Council member.

Guests dismissed.

Executive Session: Discussion of new candidate, Chris Sorgie

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Mitchell, Jan. 8, 2018.