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Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting

Approved Minutes February 5, 2018

Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow

RAC members in attendance: Mark Meachem, Joshua Fischer, Paul Gervais. Wendy Mitchell, Jennifer DiLaura, Hilary Aronow, Amy Casey, Vincent Conyers

Guests: Chris Sorgie, Michelle Fisher, Megan Smith-Harris, Bill Harris, Clarice Shirvell, Judi Lynch, Gavin Guerra

RIFF Update

Megan Smith-Harris introduced herself and her husband Bill Harris as the new RIFF festival directors. RIFF has been granted 501c3 Nonprofit status and has launched their new website www.riffct.org. The theme of this year's festival is "Films that Inspire" and will take place 10/18-10/21. Their first fundraiser is Sunday 3/4 at the Aldrich for an Oscar party. RAC will help promote this event via social media.

MINUTES

Wendy made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting, Vincent seconded and all approved with adjusted Treasurer's Report. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting, Vincent seconded and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There were no significant changes from last month and no recent activity.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Banners-after a few issues with February lamp post usage, the approval process for use is unclear between Arts Council & ECDC. A meeting will take place to discuss & clarify further.
2. Our Artists, Our Schools- to take place on 3/9 with 6 people speaking, all of which are confirmed. In addition, there will be a special event 3/19 with Ed Kowalczyk from Live is coming to the school.
3. Jennifer is also talking to Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance and the Library to do another college seminar-date to be determined
4. Arts Scholarship-The Gallo guest bartender night is booked for 3/15 from 6-9pm, with guest bartenders Amy (6-7pm), Vince (7-8pm) and Wendy (8-9pm). The donation website is live. Hilary will write & send out a press release about scholarship when the application form is live. Hilary to send press release to Wendy to help distribute to additional media contacts.
5. Generator-booked for 2/12 at the Guild of Artists. All presenters are confirmed and RAC members divided up food & beverages to bring. Wendy has agreed to be in charge of check-in and collecting money at the event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Behind the Scenes- is confirmed for 6/7 at the Aldrich. Paul will send out letters to the arts organizations next week via email.
2. Youth Theater (Wendy)-this is being postponed until Fall
3. Gavin Guerra, a Weston-based film maker introduced himself and discussed his making of a documentary film on history of voting rights.
4. Chris Sorgie to be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen on 2/7 to join the Arts Council

Meeting adjourned.