

Ridgefield Arts Council Approved Meeting Minutes  
October 1, 2018  
Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow

RAC members in attendance: Mark Meachem, Jennifer DiLaura, Chris Sorgie, Paul Gervais, Judy Lynch, Hilary Aronow, Amy Casey  
Excused: Josh Fischer, Vincent Conyers

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris simplified the treasurer's report and it is not much more streamlined.  
We have \$1500 in the town budget, \$5189 in the trust account and \$895 in the scholarship fund.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. InRidgefield is having their official launch is this month-they are hoping we encourage people to share their calendars. Organizations can add their events directly to the calendar on their site. Hilary will try using it for posting the Generator event info.
2. Our Artists, Our schools-Friday's event went very well, but there is some tweaking that needs to be done with the program, particularly more outreach to teachers. The program on Sunday at the Library went well with a somewhat light turnout. Next time we should work on how we reach out and let people know about this event.
3. Replacement Behind the Scenes award- Jennifer has not had luck with the award creation from the high school. The challenge is fitting it in with a unit they are studying. We might have to open it up to a broader audience as a competition
4. EDR-the latest meeting went very well and organizations seemed to like the Main Street idea
5. First Selectman's lunch meeting at Gallo-Jennifer and Hilary attended the meeting, which was about how to work together with various businesses and organizations in a collaborate way vs operating as "silos" and focusing on what we do best and how to make the most of it. It was mentioned several times that the Arts Council's EDR is a good model for this.
6. Generator-we are all set for 10/15's event at Keeler Tavern Museum.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. ECDC meeting-they are interested in starting a serious discussion about finding some dedicated art space in town. Ideas include creating studio space, or space for a black box theater for orgs like Thrown Stone/Chorale etc.
2. RAC members to judge RIFF poster contest

Meeting adjourned.