

Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2019

Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow

RAC members in attendance: Mark Meachem, Jennifer DiLaura, Josh Fischer, Hilary Aronow, Paul Gervais, Chris Sorgie

Excused: Vincent Conyers, Judi Lynch, Amy Casey

MINUTES

Josh made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting, Paul seconded it, and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No changes to the budget this month and we can now submit reimbursements electronically by taking a picture of the receipt and emailing it to Chris.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Generator-Mark to bring a corkscrew, cups and ice. Jennifer to bring 3 additional bottles of Prosecco, cranberry juice and chocolate kisses, Paul to bring chips & dip. Chris to bring cookies and Josh to bring cupcakes. Judi will handle check-in. RAC members to arrive at 7 for set up. Hilary to do a sponsored Facebook post for \$10.
2. Gallo guest bartender event-we are booked for 3/21 with Paul, Chris and Vincent selected to be the "celebrity" bartenders
3. Scholarship-our \$500 RAC scholarship will be given to a high school junior or senior who is a Ridgefield resident. Josh will update the website and Mark will send the info the arts faculty at the high school so they can pass it along to students. The scholarship will be awarded at Behind the scenes.
4. Sponsorship-we will ask Mike from the Boys & Girls Club to select a younger child in need who could benefit from \$250 for arts related classes or supplies.
5. Otocast-8 arts groups have committed so far. Jennifer is going to get started gathering info and will put together a poster with a QR code to let people know about the app.
6. Intern-we have 2 applicants for an RAC internship so far. Rudy will locate space at Town Hall for them.
7. Film guidelines-Chris is working on these and aims to have a draft ready for next month.
8. Collaboration with schools-Jennifer is working with Karen Sulzinsky from ECDC to tour and assess every school auditorium to determine issues. Their goal is to work towards a collaboration with schools and arts organizations to ensure spaces are functional, usable and accessible. This collaboration may qualify for state grants.
9. Behind the Scenes-RAC members decided on recipient of Nancy award.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 10 Year Plan-the town is going through the 10-year planning process (required by charter) and this is a good opportunity to think about what our 10-year plan is. Judi is interested in working on this.

Meeting adjourned.