

Approved Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting Minutes May 6, 2019
Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow

RAC members in attendance: Mark Meachem, Josh Fischer, Hilary Aronow, Paul Gervais, Chris Sorgie, Judi Lynch, Amy Casey

Excused: Jennifer DiLaura

MINUTES

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes from the March and April meeting, Chris seconded it, and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris has collected \$1100 so far for Otocast. The scholarship fund we will carry forward \$1,150 into next year. For Make Music Day we received a \$1000 grant from the state. The remainder of the budget we will allocate for the placeholder banners (from the town and trust combined) and any other small incidentals that we may need for functions and membership dues like the Cultural Alliance groups.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Otocast-we are up and running on the app. Some photos are not consistent in resolution. Currently 8 groups are on the app. Posters were created through the efforts of Josh and Jennifer.
2. Make Music Day-press release sent out. Intern will canvas local businesses to raise awareness. Paul will look into whether First Congregational Church is interested in being a venue. Big PR push to follow. Venue locations and performers continue to be added.
3. Behind the Scenes-RAC members discussed having a Cass Gilbert fountain sculpture for next year's awards.
4. Banners-Josh designed placeholder banners for RAC and we plan to order 20 banners. Vinyl costs have risen to \$62 from \$53 so we need to use some \$ from the town budget towards the total cost. Mark mentioned that brackets have been breaking and we need to look into this further.
5. Scholarship-Christina Kinsborne will be the recipient of the RAC scholarship. Christina will be invited to bring her work to display at the Behind the Scenes function. Amy will craft a short paragraph for Paul to use at the presentation for Christina. Our sponsorship will be presented at another time.
6. Internship-Ian Koh and Flynn Crowther will start next week and will work on Otocast and Make Music Day

NEW BUSINESS

RAC members discussed reworking the Spring Generator schedule based on proximity of the dates to Behind the Scenes.

Meeting adjourned.