Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting Approved Minutes July 1, 2019 Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow

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

Excused: Paul Gervais

Guest: Lisa Tancredi

MINUTES

Chris made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting, Jennifer seconded it, and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We spend all but \$17.74 of the town budget. The trust budget began with \$6346 and ended with \$5905 which reflects the cost of the RAC place holder banners. Chris was very pleased with Jennifer's breakdown of Make Music Day expenses and would like us moving forward to continue this for other large events. Currently everyone has paid for Otocast except the town and St. Mary's. Founders Hall has also expressed interest.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Budget planning-Mark requested that RAC members proactively think of budget items we plan to request for 2020 (by November). Some to consider include marketing budget, Make Music Day, repairing/replacing parts of the broken brackets.
- 2. Banner update-we agreed to adjust the rules so organizations are only guaranteed 10 even if you have 20 this year. This will allow smaller groups in who may only be able to afford 10 banners. Mark to research cost of other banner choices over the summer.
- 3. Make Music Day-We received great feedback on the event with lots of excitement and enthusiasm. Jennifer sent email to performers and venues asking for feedback. RAC members are in agreement that we should participate again.
- 4. Generator-possible date of Thursday 10/10. Chris to explore if Nod Hill would like to be the host venue.
- 5. Our Artists, Our Schools-there are challenges with scheduling. Jennifer will reach out to teachers for feedback on scheduling it. Should it be more of a year round thing vs a one day event?
- 6. Future Members-we need to spread word that we have vacancies and recruit members.
- 7. Upcoming Meetings-9/9 at 7:30pm NOT the first Monday because that is Labor Day.

NEW BUSINESS

RAC cancelled the August 5th meeting.

Meeting adjourned.