

**Approved**

Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting Minutes September 9, 2019

Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow

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

Excused: Paul Gervais, Chris Sorgie

Guest: Kathy Karlick

**MINUTES**

Judi made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Mark seconded it, and all approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Our town budget increased by \$500, bringing the total amount to \$2500. As expected our trust is down \$915 from the start of last year's budget. This is due to the RAC banners. We currently have \$1100 in scholarship funds (which is part of the trust), bringing the total trust to \$5431. Make Music Day was an additional \$300 in expenses beyond the \$1000 grant we received from the state. For Otocast we secured Ridgefield Pride Art Center as our first for-profit group.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- EDR Recap-The Compassion Project attended the EDR and gave a presentation-several arts organizations are interested in collaborating with them. We discussed Otocast and it was agreed that we will create another poster for the Fall/Winter arts calendar. Info was distributed about a fundraiser to honor Mary Rindfleisch with a memorial sculpture. A big upcoming theme for next year with many organizations is the anniversary of the 19th amendment. The next EDR meeting will be 12/6 at the Ridgefield Guild of Artists.
- Banners cost/update-Jonathan Winn provided a name of a potential supplier for cheaper banners. Mark reached out to Squash's who was able to work with that supplier and offer a reduced cost for the banners. The new price is \$48/banner. 2020 is full except for February.
- October Generator-10/24 at Keeler Tavern Museum. Hilary will reach out to Ridgefield Pride Dee Dee Cobella to see if they want to provide an artist who might be on display in October. Keeler will have someone talk about hands on history event (tools), and Hilary will reach out to Claire Simard who was a big hit at Make Music Day with the sing-a-long.
- Budget request/letter-This is due to the town in late October. Some specific requests should include Make Music Day, replacement/repair of banners, and funding for an award for Behind the Scenes (Josh will explore award cost). Jennifer will break down the cost of Make Music Day requests for funding.

Meeting adjourned.