

Ridgefield Arts Council Approved Meeting Minutes November 4, 2019  
Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow

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

Guests: Tracy Bryggman and Dani Roth

**MINUTES**

Jennifer made a motion to approve the September minutes (there were no Oct. minutes as we did not have a quorum at that meeting), Judi seconded it, and all approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

While we originally believed that our town budget increased by \$500 for this fiscal year, upon further review, it did not and remains at \$2000. There was no change to the trust account this month. Chris asked that those members who have receipts from the recent Generator, please e-mail him a photo of the receipt and he can process for reimbursement. Just make it clear in the email what this receipt is for and which items you are requesting to be reimbursed for.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- Budget request/letter-This is due to the town in late November. Council members reviewed the letter and details of the budget request. After discussion, the Council unanimously approved the letter. Chris will now forward this to the town.
- The Council discussed new ideas for the scholarship fundraiser. Ideas included: using the new bar at Bartolo for an event; having a Paint/Pour at the Guild or Aldrich; making our February Generator a fundraiser and we aim for some big names to present that would attract a bigger audience (some ideas included Judi's friend who composes for Disney, some of the Broadway connections in town etc.)
- Another, separate, idea for raising funds for the scholarship came from Judi. She suggested we see if the Town Hall lobby could be used to hang art from local painters (Clarice Shirvell, Hans Fischer). If we can get local artists to donate a painting and all (or a portion) proceeds of sales go to the scholarship.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The Council unanimously approved the RSO banner for December (this is a one-time use to fill in for the 10 not used by the Chamber this year).
- Paul said he spoke with ACT about hosting the Behind the Scenes event in 2020. They were agreeable but only had one specific week in May available. The Council agreed to having ACT host and the event date (upon confirmation from ACT) will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Council then discussed award options. It was determined we will not give the individual small crystal awards to winners. We will have the proclamations and some version of the fountain as an award (either using the 3-D printer or designing one ourselves). We will still get a large Nancy Award.
- We met with, and discussed RAC activities, with 2 guests interested in joining the Council (Tracy Bryggman and Dani Roth)

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