



Approved

Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting Minutes. March 2, 2020

Minutes taken by Judi Lynch

RAC members in attendance:

Jennifer DiLaura, Paul Gervais, Chris Sorgie, Judi Lynch, Amy Hall Casey

Guest Attendees: Lisa Tancredi, Dani Roth, Tracy Bryggman

Excused: Mark Meachem, Hilary Aronow, Josh Fischer

MINUTES

Chris Sorgie made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2020 meeting, Paul Gervais seconded it, and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The ECDC reimbursed \$100.00 for the replacement banner brackets.

AGENDA ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Scholarship Fundraiser** – Guest bartender for the scholarship fundraiser has been slated for April 23 at the Tequila Escape restaurant. Hilary to announce this event on social media.
2. **Make Music Day** – There will be a marketing meeting on Thursday, March 5th to review the sponsorships, venues. Chris Sorgie reported that his company, Elevation Enterprises Corp. will be making a generous donation of \$500.00 towards expenses for the event. Thank you Chris for such a wonderful donation!
3. **Nancy Award nominee**- will be discussed in Executive Session
4. **Bow Wow art event** – sponsored by ROAR on September 26 from 5 to 9 PM

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Cultural District** – John Frey’s Cultural District bill passed in the state legislature.... Guidelines have been completed. It is known there is no money offered from the state but this will allow communities to apply for a designated “Cultural area(s)” promoting the arts. This will be used on statewide websites. Once the towns define their area(s), the state will then do a site visit one submitted. Anyone interested in serving on this committee shall be requested to contact Mark Meachem.
2. **Banner Approval** – ACT has submitted their rendering for the upcoming performance of “Freaky Friday”. All attending members approved their submittal.
3. **Behind the Scenes** – Paul Gervais has sent out the letters to the non-profit organizations for their nominations for the Nancy Award. The presentation of the award is scheduled on May 14th at the Conservatory of Dance.
4. **Membership** - The Council discussed having guidelines for NPO leaders on the Council. All were fine with the concept provided the person recuses him/herself as needed and that the person was not involved with banner scheduling.

UPCOMING MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2020. Please note that this is not the first Monday of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM