

Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting / Monday, June 1, 2020 7:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Josh Fischer

This meeting was conducted on "Zoom" due to the isolation restrictions of the current pandemic of Covid-19.

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

Absent: Paul Gervais, Judi Lynch

Guests: Jennifer Dineen, Pamela Jones, Danielle Roth, Tracy Bryggman

INTRODUCTIONS

With prospective members in the meeting, everyone went around to introduce themselves.

MINUTES

Hilary made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2020 meeting, Mark seconded and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have had fewer expenses due to events being cancelled.

Mark explained our budget/trust to the prospective members. Chris outlined the current balances in our accounts. Chris will stay on as treasurer but will have to limit his other RAC duties as he gets his business off the ground.

AGENDA ITEMS

Old Business: ~~SEP-~~ Make Music Day: 6/21/20 Jennifer provided an update regarding potential venues and participating groups, still waiting for covid-19 guidelines to be updated. Can we have music at restaurants? What assets do we need -- banners, newspaper ad? Looking for additional performers. Creating additional safety measures. Mark reminded the group that we need supporters for this event.

Membership Guidelines: were written by Judi, developed to easily share. Dani suggested that the time of year should be added to list of general events where possible. Jennifer made a motion to approve the guidelines with timeline added, Mark seconded that motion. All members approved.

- RAC Scholarship: Amy discussed how to present the winner, Dennis Dowding, with the check - Possible to do drive by socially distanced mini ceremony/parade on Thursday at 2pm.

New Business:

- May 20 re-open: guideline update from Mark, who attended the town meeting with Rudy on the subject. Will open in phases.

RAC MEMBER APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

- Pamela, interested in event planning, working with town
- Jennifer, artists in schools, creating ideas, finding opportunities, compassion
- Tracey, expressed interest in working with the schools, MMD
- Danielle, as voice teacher, interested in school programs, MMD, Generators

Jennifer DiLaura asked Pam & Jennifer how they see creating separation from their roles in their institutions if they become RAC members. Both applicants realize there may be instances where they need to recuse themselves. All applicants are excited to help the community and be personally supporting the arts. Amy and Mark told how the BOS interviews go. Applicants, signed off.

- Exec Session: The Council voted to go into Executive Session so they could discuss applicants. All applicants were approved to be recommended to the BoS for appointment to the council. The Council voted to end the Exec Session (all approved).

Meeting adjourned 9:14 pm.

Upcoming mtg 7/6/20 7:30 pm, location tbd.