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Ridgefield Arts Council
Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021

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RAC Members in attendance: Jennifer DiLaura, Andrew Okrongly, Josh Fischer, Joe Collin, Hilary Aronow, Raje Kaur, Dani Roth, Amy Casey, Jennifer Dineen, Colleen Cash

Excused: Tracey Bryggman

MINUTES

Raje make a motion to approve minutes from the May meeting, Dani seconded it, and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There are no significant changes since last month. We received the MMD grant which was deposited in our trust account, so we are net positive for the year. We need all expenses for MMD in by the end of the month. \$2850 was approved from the town budget for the next fiscal year.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Grants/Funding-Joe is following up on a grant opportunity that was part of the Compassion Project with support from the ECDC. Glori Norwitt has completed most of the work required, but all parties need to be on board to move forward and to clarify what everyone's role would entail for execution, and if we have the capacity for it. NEA Grant-there is a match requirement-will the town provide in kind construction? That would count towards to match. The NEA grant application is due the first week of August. There is another small CT Office for the Arts grant opportunity for municipal arts organization, with flexibility in how the funds are spent. Joe is following up on this.
2. Our Artists, Our Schools-The program is complete for the year with lots ahead for the Fall.
3. Generator-Hilary to work on planning for August and will reach out to DeeDee Colabella to gauge her interest in hosting.
4. Banners-The Theater Barn & Thrown Stone are up for next month. We need to send out schedule requests for next year. This should go out around September.
5. MMD-The sign up period for artists has been extended to 6/15. Venue signs are being printed, posters are being reviewed and fliers still need to be ordered. We have a fund to pay a small stipend for performers and people running events. Need to further discuss how much and who gets paid etc.
6. EDR-It is scheduled for Friday 9am at Playhouse tent.
7. Colleen Cash was interviewed by the RAC after submitting her formal letter of interest. The RAC went into Executive session, and collectively recommend that she be approved by the Board of Selectmen to join the Ridgefield Arts Council.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be 7/12/20201

Minutes taken by Hilary Aronow