

Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting Minutes

Oct. 2, 2017 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:41 p.m.

Attended: Mark Meachem, Jennifer DiLaura, Alison Greeley, Wendy Mitchell (substitute secretary), Joshua Fisher, Amy Casey, Vincent Conyers (arrived late)

Absent: Hilary Aranow, Paul Gervais

Approve Minutes (Sept.):

- September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Alison stated that the Arts Council has \$5,691.78 in available funds. (Some Generator expenses and revenue remain outstanding.)

Agenda Items:

1. Pam Stoddart from the Guild of Artists was on the agenda to discuss the directory and Art Walk, however, she did not attend the meeting.

2. Old Business:

a. RIFF meeting update

- Jennifer stated that she attended the RIFF meeting to discuss next steps for RIFF now that the former organizers can no longer head it up. They are still waiting for clarity and answers. Discussion about possibly making it an every other year event.

b. 9/25 Generator, recap

- There were not as many as usual in attendance for this month's Generator. Group discussion about Guest Bartender Night at Gallo to raise funds for future events & scholarship.

c. Arts Scholarship

- Amy and Arts Council discussed scholarship details, formation of guidelines for recipients, who can receive and the process needed. She will create a document stating guidelines to be reviewed and discussed by the Arts Council upon completion.

d. Our Artists, Our Schools

- Jennifer discussed possible artists for the next arts in the schools. The date will be

on Friday, March 9, 2017. Jennifer will double check the school calendar as there was some confusion about an early dismissal that day.

d. Banners/PR update

- Alison said that the rollout was made for using new banners downtown and there are currently three groups using them. It has gone well so far. We discussed the developing policy and agreed to reach out to local arts organizations (and the ECDC) about approval of “placeholder” banners when there are no banners for specific events in use. Alison will take the template of a banner to ECDC for discussion/approval.

3. New Business:

- November Generator to be held at Way of the Sword on Nov. 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. with Vincent’s nephew as the presenter singing opera. Two more artists are still needed. We need to confirm the other presenters of the event and make sure we publicize it well.
- The November meeting has been cancelled due to the conflict with the Generator event that month.

Upcoming meetings / events:

Next Generator: 11/6 7:30pm at Way of Sword

Next Meeting: Dec 4, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.