

## **Ridgefield Arts Council / Council Meeting Minutes – 05/01/17**

*The Ridgefield Arts Council generates attention for and collaboration between members of our vibrant arts community. Our mission is to inform, entertain, and inspire those who appreciate and create art in all its genres.*

A regular meeting of the Ridgefield Arts Council (the "Council") was held May 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of the Ridgefield Town Hall located at 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

**Attendees:** Mark Meachem (Chair) Stephen Kane (Secretary), Amy Casey, Jennifer DiLaura, Paul Gervais, Alison Greeley (Treasurer), Josh Fischer, Wendy Mitchell

**Absent:** Hilary Aronow

**Guests:** Vincent Conyers

### **Secretary Update**

Stephen announced he will be moving to Danbury this month and we will need to find a new secretary as he must step down from the Council since he will no longer be a resident.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Alison Greeley presented the report. There was \$1468 in the town budget line. That should cover food for Behind the Scenes, \$300 for webhosting, plus our Chamber and Cultural Alliance dues.

### **New Business:**

- Vincent Conyers will meet with the BoS at their May 10 meeting to become a new member of the Council.
- We are looking to add more resources on our website to help high school students find Arts scholarships for college. We have had some inquiries from students and have provided help through our own research but a coordinated collection may be useful. Also, perhaps we should provide a list of resources for places in town who can assist with pre-screening locations/equipment for students auditioning for college in Theater. That led to a discussion of a potential Arts Council scholarship. Amy Casey agreed to investigate this further and determine what would be required for a go-ahead.

### **Old Business:**

- **Recap from College Prep Panel:** 100 people were registered for the event. It was well received and had a good array of speakers.
- **Behind the Scenes Awards:** Will be held on Thursday, May 18. Paul went through the list of food we need. We are getting chairs from Theater Barn and we will all help return them. Awards are mostly in. Paul still awaiting a few responses. RAC reviewed timeline for the events.
- **Website:** Josh is working on getting us login access to the old website. Once we get access to that we can gather that info and move it to a new site
- **Main Street Banners:** RIFF will be putting up signs soon. We are working to determine how to get brackets/banners down each time and who is responsible for this.

### **Other Items:**

- Alison informed the committee that former Council member and chair, Nancy Comstock Andrews died. There is a service for her Saturday. The Council discussed donations we could make in her name. We unanimously voted to donate to the Suzanne Wright Foundation for pancreatic cancer research in honor of Nancy .

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2017.