

Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting

June 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM

In-Person Attendees:

**Town Hall Small Conference Room
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut**

Those Attending Virtually:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3625596884>

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Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present (in-person): Tracey Bryggman, Jennifer Dineen, Danielle Roth, Pamme Jones (*left at 7:55pm*), Mike McNamara

Present (virtually): Amy Casey (*arrived 7:18pm*), Joe Collin, Raje Kaur

Excused: Colleen Cash, Joshua Fischer

Guests: Danielle Cohn

MEETING TO ORDER

Pamme made a motion to call the meeting to order. Jennifer seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTES

Raje made a motion to approve the May 2023 Minutes. Tracey seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- All reimbursements have been submitted. All is up to date at this time.
- The council discussed the need to submit expenses by the end of the month to close out the FY properly and in a timely manner.

Old Business

Mission Touch-Base

- The council discussed dedicating the July meeting to reviewing and making revisions to our mission. More communications to follow to make sure time is allocated properly and is accurately reflected in the forthcoming agenda.

RAC Storage Update

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- The RAC has officially moved into the closet in Town Hall! This has saved a ton of space in RAC members' personal homes!
- The Board of Education has indicated that there may be 2 closet spaces that may be available to the RAC. A member will continue to follow-up and confirm.

Brochures

- The council discussed whether we will be continuing on with brochure print and distribution despite lack of continued funding from Fairfield County Bank. The council plans to speak with the ECDC over the summer to determine whether there could be synergy and collaboration going forward.
- *Amy Casey joined the meeting virtually at 7:18pm.*
- Danielle made a motion to move forward with the next quarter of brochures with a reduced quantity of 1,250 and fund using monies from the trust account. Jennifer seconded. All approved.

Behind the Scenes Honors Recap

- The event was very successful and a lovely night. Going forward, we will need to arrange a more organized clean-up and breakdown plan following the event.
- The only cost incurred was for the Nancy Comstock award.
- The council discussed providing the recipient of the Scholarship with some kind of physical certificate and/or award. The council will also consider investing in a large “check” for the student to take a photo with each year.

Make Music Day

- This year’s MMD (Wed, 6/21) currently has 55 performances, over 120+ musicians, and 17 participating venues.
- Banners have been dropped off at specific venues, lawn signs have been placed in various places throughout town, a promotional press release is currently being drafted and will be submitted by the end of the week. Social Media blasts will begin to increase over the next 2 weeks leading up to the event. The RAC interns will be distributing and hanging up flyers all over town this week.
- Photographers are being coordinated and 068 Magazine may cover the event.

Group Updates as needed

RAC Budget

- OUR FY 23-24 budget has been approved for \$5000.

Recruitment

- At this time, the council requested that those interested in joining the council, consider submitting a formal letter of interest to the council. Our June events are a great chance to get involved, help out, and see what we are about.

Generator

- Generator will be held Thursday, June 29th from 5pm-7pm at RPAC.
- We have a lot of leftover inventory that can be used for the event.

EDR

- The next EDR will be on June 16th at 9am Weir Farm. EDR Gazette submission requests have been sent out to all orgs.

Our Artists Our Schools

- At this time, there is currently a graphic designer, videographer, and photographer slated to come into RPS the first quarter of school. We are working on filling out the remaining quarters of the SY.
- Now that our FY budget has been approved, we will have \$1000 to allocate towards expanding the program. Budget will most likely be used towards providing stipends to the artists who volunteer.

Music and Art in the Park

- The event will be on Sat, July 29th from 12pm-5pm at Ballard Park in tandem with SummerFest. We need to start recruiting musicians and artists for the event.

Banners

- We received great feedback from PRIDE contact for allowing their banners to be displayed.
- At a later meeting, the council should discuss whether banner spots can be provided to awareness groups/organizations with actionable town-wide initiatives.
- Members met a volunteer from the Ridgefield Father's Club last week. The member was briefed on banner locations/hardware and is now prepared to assist the council in repairs of banners going forward.
- *Pamme Jones left at 7:55pm.*

Artswatch

- The recent artswatch column has been published. The new due date for submission is a week in advance (Fridays by 5pm).

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New Business

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm following a motion made by Jennifer and seconded by Tracey. All approved.

The next meeting will be 7/12/2023 at 7pm.