

Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting

May 4, 2022 at 7:30 PM

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

Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present: Tracey Bryggman, Amy Casey, Colleen Cash, Joe Collin, Jennifer Dineen, Joshua Fischer, Pamme Jones, Mike McNamara, Danielle Roth

Excused: Raje Kaur

Guests: Patricia Spugani, Deborah Burke, Joel Reynolds (Members of the Town Players of New Canaan), and Brittney Richardson

MEETING TO ORDER

Dani made a motion to call the meeting to order. Jennifer seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA

Pamme made a motion to amend tonight's agenda to include two additional items of conversation:

- Ridgefield Pride
- RAC's current charge and mission

Jennifer seconded. All approved.

MINUTES

Pamme made a motion to approve minutes from the April 2022 meeting. Jennifer seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- As of now, the RAC is only able to collect monies digitally using the Friends of Ridgefield. Council members will begin a dialogue with the ECDC to see if there are alternate avenues.

Old Business

Make Music Day Update

- The council was briefed on the current status of artist and venue registration, promotion, event details, and benchmarks in comparison to year's past.

Behind the Scenes Honors

- The council will be seeking nominations for the June 8th event. The council also briefly discussed potential candidates for the Nancy Award.

Summer of Song Brochure

- Calendar and logos will be sent to the designer next week. Following that, RAC members will proof and finalize the brochure.

Scholarship Fundraiser

- The event will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at the Nod Hill Brewery from 2pm-7pm outside (weather permitting).
- A press release for the event will be drafted. Student applications will be reviewed over the coming week and sent to council members to determine the recipient.

2022 Budget/CT Humanities Grant Fund Allocation

- The council brainstormed and discussed a more specific direction as to how and where to allocate the funds received from the CT Humanities Grant, specifically evergreen marketing materials and the website.

RAC Media and Marketing Policies

- The council read the current media policy that was drafted by a former member of the RAC. The conversation expanded into the greater picture of the RAC's charge and mission.

New Business

Review of the RAC's Mission and Charge

- The council discussed its mission and charge in relation to the changes to Ridgefield's town and the impact of arts and culture since the charge was approved in 2015. Members were asked to review the charge in advance of the next meeting so any alterations, adjustments, or clarifications can be discussed in further detail.

Ridgefield Pride

- Jennifer made a motion to engage Ridgefield Pride in a similar way in which we engage Compassionate Ridgefield. Pamme seconded the motion. All approved.

New Member Recruitment

- The council identified specific qualifications it is seeking in new members.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm following a motion made by Jennifer and seconded by Pamme. All approved.

The next meeting will be 6/1/2022.