



Middletown Committee for the Arts  
Minutes

Tuesday, November 2, 2010 5:30PM

The Healing Co-Operative 272 Mitchell's Lane, Middletown, RI 02842

Those in attendance were: Linda Phelan, Lisa Hansel, Amy Cordeiro, Susan Woythaler, Diana Skaggs and Diane Andrews,

Those absent were: Nancy McAuliffe, Diane Kerins, Carol Cummings, Carmela Geer, and liaison, Richard Cambra

❖ Call to Order

- Linda Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:30PM
  - We have not yet received the written resignation of Carol Cummings who has been absent from all meetings.

❖ Reading and Approval of October 4, 2010 Minutes

- The Minutes were approved with the correction: Linda made the motion to accept; Diana 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed

❖ Old Business

- Update on Arts Survey
  - Amy was attempting to pick up the hard copies at various locations
  - Linda will ask Maureen to put the survey back up on-line (1.a)
  - We should try to “get the word out” again. Please send information to all of your contacts.
- Final review of Logo
  - Diane was absent
- Website
  - No update—Carmela was absent
- Local Artist Identification
  - Send names/contact information/genre to Lisa for the “Middletown Artists Roster”
  - The roster has about 50 names
- Action Plan
  - Goal 3.a—went over the “Venue Space” list—added new category “Outdoor Venues”
- Photo Display Review—
  - It was agreed that doing an event like this is not in keeping with our Mission at this point and that perhaps it would fit into our summer Arts Event.

- We recommend that the photographer matt and frame his work in order for it to be exhibited properly. There are several public places in town that would be appropriate to display his photos. Such as the Library, Town Hall, Senior Center.
  - Other Old business
    - none
- ❖ New Business
  - Linda shared information from Richard Cambra:
    - Richard says that we should present to the Town Council in December—he will put us on the agenda for December 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - He recommended that we recruit the nonvoting student member as recommended this past summer ASAP
      - It is recommended that we broaden our scope, in particular, reaching out to low income areas such as Oxbow Farms and consider participating in the Shantel Bailey Day next summer.
    - Richard further recommends that we request to be made a “permanent committee”.
  - Linda presented her idea of the “15-Mile Artist” and has registered the domain names: 15mileartist.com and 15mileartist.org
    - See attached
  - Discussion about the December presentation to the Town Council
    - We will develop an “Arts Information Packet” for each council member
    - Components of the packet:
      - Mission/Logo--Diane
      - Survey Results—Carmela
      - Action Plan—Susan
      - Plans for “Arts Festival” at Sweetberry Farm in June
      - Information about a “Community Arts Center”
      - Linda has volunteered to compile all the data for the folders.
    - A power point will be developed around these components
      - Illustrated with photos from around Middletown
    - The Middletown Committee for the Arts will meet a few extra times in order to get the information together in an exciting and informative format
- ❖ Adjourn Meeting
  - Meeting adjourned at 6:25PM
  - Next meeting: Tuesday, November 30, 2010 and Monday, December 13, 2010 5-6:30PM in the Library at Gaudet Middle School--

***Respectfully submitted by: Susan Woythaler, secretary***