



Middletown Committee for the Arts
Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2011 at 5:00PM

Gaudet School Library, Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, RI 02842

Those in attendance: Rod O'Hanley, Diane Andrews, Nancy McAuliffe, Amy Cordeiro, Vice-Chair; Diana Skaggs, Diane Kerins, Susan Woythaler, Secretary; Lisa Hansel.

Those absent: Linda Phelan, Chair; Richard Cambra, Liaison to the Town Council; Carmela Geer

1. Call to order:

- In the absence of Chair, Linda Phelan, Vice-Chair, Amy Cordeiro called the meeting to order at 5:15PM.

2. Review and approval of the May 9, 2011 minutes:

- Motion to approve with the one correction made by: Rod O'Hanley; seconded by Nancy McAuliffe. Passed unanimously

3. Review of potential Artists and Performing Artists

- A motion to accept the following artists was made by Amy Cordeiro; seconded by Diane Kerins. Passed unanimously
 - Revka Hovermale, Nancy McAuliffe and the "RI Ballet Theatre"; Lisa Markovich with "Beyond Blonde"; "The Island Players" with Susan Woythaler; Tara Gnolfo and the "Newport Children's Theatre"; "Tom Perrotti & Friends"; "Middletown HS Chorus Workshop", Jennifer Vallincourt; Molly Dickinson, "Hope Craft", Shawn David, "Wolf and Pear", Sharon Morgera, James Aull, Michelle Eckart, Joseph Matose, Lynne Stringer, "Fiber Finatic", Melane Paranzino.

4. Review of Approved Historical Society Layout of Event

- The Middletown Historical Society will have the school house and windmill open. They also will have a "Johnnycake Booth".
- See attached sheet for layout diagram

5. Review of Committee Reports

- Student Management—Carmela Geer
 - No students have applied yet
 - Diane Kerins said that she would check.
- Performance Management—Diana Skaggs
 - Can begin to make contact with the Performing Artists
- Participating Artists—Linda Phelan
 - We have 10 who we have approved
 - Linda thinks that we will have more
- Food Vendors—Amy Cordeiro
 - Need to follow up with local possibilities—many suggestions were given
 - Dels and Titos are interested
- Venue Management—Linda Phelan
 - All Set
- Demonstrations/workshops—Diane Kerins
 - Fiber Fanatics has committed
 - Check with the others artists to see if they would be interested
 - Discussion
 - Perhaps creating a community “art project”
 - Susan suggestion a “Community Weaving” where we would provide the top/bottom and the vertical cording and have a basket of ribbons, feathers, etc. for the weaving. (finger weaving)
 - A “Canvas Message Board” where folks would write messages on a large piece of canvas
 - Nancy said that “Looking Upward” could provide a “painting by numbers”
- Children’s Tent—Susan Woythaler and Nancy McAuliffe
 - Creative Movement
 - Ballet Class
 - Jazz Class
 - Hip Hop Class
 - Dress up Trunk creating a Drama
 - Children’s Music
 - Drumming Circle
 - Craft Table

- Arts Surprises—Susan Woythaler and Nancy McAuliffe
 - Select one day perhaps August 13
 - Have several groups...music, dance to have a surprise “performances” in local places where people have gathered and then distribute the “Rack Card”
 - 2nd Beach Pavilion
 - Police Station
 - Town Hall
 - YMCA
 - Farmers Market
 - Library
 - Child & Family Service
 - 3rd Beach
 - Sweet Berry Farm
 - Sachuest Point
 - The Winery
- T-Shirts—design---Lisa Hansel
 - Discussion of the possibility of have T-shirts
 - It was the consensus of the committee to not have t-shirts
 - There is a great immediate need to create a “Rack Card”
 - Lisa Hansel and Diane Kerins are the sub-committee to create a “Rack Card”, to search for a sponsor who will pay for the printing.
 - Check with L&P Graphics
 - A motion to have a “Rack Card” subcommittee with Lisa Hansel and Diane Kerins was made by: Amy Cordeiro; seconded by Lisa Hansel; Passed Unanimously
 - There was discussion about all of the places to put the “rack cards”
 - There is the immediate need to get publicity out about the Middletown Celebration of the Arts.
- Silent Auction—Diane Andrews
 - She sent out 25 letters to Middletown businesses
 - 5 confirmed with donations
 - Beach Party
 - Newport Vineyard
 - New England Grill
 - Maher Center

- Baga' Dowe Sports

6. *Post Event Thank Yous*

- We will use the same graphic as the one for the Rack Card and put it on a note card. Each management committee chair will write them for their group.
- Discussion of possible sponsors. Amy volunteered to work on this.

7. *Possible committee opportunities for Summer and Fall 2011*

- Bringing the Arts into the community
- Tabled until September

8. *Old Business*

- None

9. *New Business*

- A motion was made to accept the resignation of Shaylah Morse from the Middletown Committee for the Arts. Made by: Amy Cordeiro; Seconded by Diane Kerins. Passed Unanimously.

10. *Next Meeting: June 27, 2011*

- Susan will check to see if the Conference Room at the Library is available for our summer meetings.
- We plan to meet every two weeks to bring the work of the "sub-committees" to the entire committee.

11. *Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM*

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Woythaler, Secretary