



Middletown Committee for the Arts
Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2011 at 5:30 pm

Paradise Park . 41 Prospect Avenue . Middletown, RI 02842

Those in attendance: Linda Phelan, chair; Amy Cordeiro, vice-chair; Susan Woythaler, secretary; Carmela Geer, Diana Skaggs, Diane Kerins, Lisa Hansel, Rod O’Hanley, Richard Cambria, Liaison to the Town Council.

Those absent: Diane Andrews

- ❖ Call to Order
 - Linda called the meeting to order at 5:50PM

- ❖ Review and Approval of July 25, 2011 Minutes
 - Linda made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections. Diana 2nd.
Passed unanimously

- ❖ Celebration of the Arts Pre-Event Final Reports:
 - Student Management and Volunteers /Carmela/Richard
 - Carmela reported that only John Cunha and Meghan Kelchner responded to volunteer
 - She will attend the Boy Scout meeting on Tuesday to request help with the “clean up”
 - Discussion of where volunteers are needed
 - Performance Management/Diana Skaggs & Susan
 - The final scheduled was presented. There will be a variety of performances from 10am-6PM
 - The company DAS will provide the sound system through the courtesy of Middletown
 - John Michael Skaggs will run the sound system

- There will be a table set up for the performing artists to put their information.
- Participating Artist/Linda
 - The following Artisans will be participating: Shawn David, Wood Working; Maher Center's Beaded Star Designs; Sharon Morgera, Calligrapher & illustrator; The Healing Co-Op Women's nonprofit Cancer Center's HopeCraft; Linda Phelan, Wolf and Pear; Philip Rondina, Newport Fireplace Designs (reproductions); Michelle Eckhart, Sweetberry Farm; Molly Dickinson, Painter; Joseph Matose, Painter; Sue Gray, Sea Glass Jewelry; Middletown Garden Club, Plants & Flowers; James Aull, Custom Fine Furniture; Joe Piotti, Happy Dog Organics; Mary Jameson, Saltwater Studio, notecards; Tory Libby, Beadaholic, beadwork jewelry; Tracy Conwell, Fiber Fanatic; Lynn Stringer, Pen & Ink.
- Food Vendors/Amy
 - Del's Lemonade; Custom House Coffee; Sig's Place; Becky's; Titos.
- Venue Management/Linda
 - Newport Tent will set up on Friday, August 19, 2011.
 - An aerial view of the Park was used to mark out placement of the tent, vendors, artisans, parking
- Demonstrations/Workshops/Diane Kerins
 - The following demonstrations will take place:
 - Spinning with Fiber Fanatics 11 and 2PM
 - Bowl turning demo 12Noon
 - Tai chi & Karate 1:30-2:30PM
- Children's Activities/ Susan
 - Face painting will take place in the Gazebo
 - Two tables will be set up for the mural coloring—"Draw something special about Middletown"
 - Bubble Sticks will also be available
- Silent Auction/Diane Andrews update
 - There are many items. A list will be available for the next meeting.

- Discussion of where to set up the silent auction tables. It was decided to set them up at the back of the Performing Arts Tent.
- Publicity & PR/Linda
 - Thanks to Diane Kerins who spoke on Art Berlutti's WADK radio show on August 4. Art has invited her back.
 - The announcement has appeared on Channel 10 calendar
 - A more complete article about the event will appear in the Newport Daily News
- ❖ Old Business
 - Richard has e-mailed invitations to local dignitaries to attend the event. Richard will be the "meeter and greeter"
 - Susan showed the "loom" for the Community Weaving. Members encouraged to bring ribbons, yarns, feathers for the weaving.
 - Linda shared the "exit survey" that will be used as folks leave the event.
- ❖ New Business
 - Susan made a motion "To accept all of the performing artists who are scheduled to perform during the event". 2nd by Linda. Passed unanimously
- ❖ Next Scheduled Meeting
 - Monday, September 12, 2011 5:30PM Location TBA
- ❖ Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Respectfully submitted by Susan Woythaler, secretary