



Middletown Committee for the Arts
Minutes of March 25, 2013 5:15pm

Middletown Police Department . Valley Road . Middletown, RI

Present: Linda Phelan, Peter Turner, Diana Skaggs, Diane Kerins, Amy Cordeiro, Lisa Hansel, Diane Andrews, Sharon Morgera, Jill Armstrong, Carmela Geer

Absent: Richard Cambra

Call to order at 5:15 by Chair, Linda Phelan

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2013 with the following corrections: "a" in Saturday and removal of Diane Kerins term exp. by Linda, second by Diana S, All in favor.

Annual Election of Committee Members as follows:

1. **Amy, Jill and Diane K nominated Linda to remain as Chair. Linda accepted. All in favor.**
2. **Linda and Sharon nominated Diana S. to remain as Vice Chair. Diana accepted. All in favor.**
3. **Linda and Amy nominated Carmela to remain as Secretary. Carm accepted via phone. All in favor.**
4. **2013 Term members including Lisa Hansel and Diane Andrews received unanimous votes.**

Old business

1. Celebration of the Arts 2013, Saturday August 17, 2013 10 - 4
 - a. Venue Management and Volunteers: Richard & Carm, has secured 7 full time student Volunteers to date. She has received Approval on the Permit for the event to be held on the property of the High School. Fee for Janitor during event at \$40 for 8 hours has been approved by Parks & Recreation. Carm will write an advance story on the Celebration to be published in Patch as well as a post-event story. She has approval for both Middletown High School and Middle School to use their signs to promote the day and event as well as the Police Station's electronic sign. Carm will get the event on Channel 10's televised Calendar Events, Newport Life, RI Monthly and other publication along with Diane A. Carm has

announced that as of next week, Matt Wainwright will have the Arts Committee web site up and running.

- b. Artisan Vendors and Demonstration: \$30 per artist booth - Linda has received affirmatives from returning artist vendors: Black Elephant Beads, HopeCraft, Holly Reed and Wolf and Pear (herself) She emailed all previous years vendors this past Saturday and will send cards to potential new vendors next week. Linda will email Sharon vendors information for Silent Auction purposes and will consult with vendors as to whether they are able to participate in a Demonstration.
- c. Performing Arts: Diana Skaggs & Diane A are following up on an email from Revka who will again offer her Performance with Children on Interpretive Dance. Gladying's Dance Academy has confirmed their participation to Diane A They will be reaching out to musicians and other performers beginning May.
- d. Food: \$100 per food vendor - Amy & Peter: Will get together to discuss possible food, drink and snack vendors. Suggestions: Dels, Sugar High (ice cream and penny candy), Bossman Burgers (sliders), Becky's Hot Dog Cart was emailed but has not yet received a response, will call Sigs. Linda will find out if the Committee will be able to use the High Schools kitchen facilities.
- e. Children's Activities: Diane K and Jill, will look into having Pony's to Go as they committed last year, National Guard for the climbing wall, face painting – Jill is willing to paint if need be, Kids Venture for a bouncy House – better if paid for as the companies liability insurance is liable vs. getting services donated, Taylor Rental.
- f. Silent Auction: Amy and Sharon, Amy will draw up the auction sheets and Sharon will forward her the item and value with which to do so. Linda will forward committed artists to Sharon so that she can work directly with them on the donated item. Linda will get leftover auction items, pens and clipboards to Sharon.
- g. Rackcards & Signage: Lisa has begun working on the cards and will have a proof for the next meeting.
- h. Sharon met the Quilters by the Sea at the dismantling of the exhibit. Marie Mulligan is the contact. They are interested in joining us for the Celebration of the Arts. Diana will follow up with connecting them.
- i. The committee reaffirmed the rule that all Artists, performers and demonstrators must be Middletown residents or have a business in Middletown.

2. Linda presented the committee with a sample banner and stand. The committee voted unanimously to have a banner made, which will be used to accompany the committee wherever we have a presence. Cost: \$34.99 for a 2x6 banner and \$34.99 for the stand. Lisa has agreed to work on the design for the banner.

3. Linda reported on her exchange with Shawn Brown regarding the Lic. Plate. The committee has been told that we cannot partake in any part of the venture that involves the handling of funds, or advising of funds in any way as the committee is an extension of the Town and not a 501 (c) 3. The committee can, however, support a local nonprofit who is seeking to raise funds through an Aquidneck Island license plate. Linda has agreed to contact Lou DiPalma to see if any organization has moved forward with the idea.

4. A new contact sheet has been filled out and will be emailed to all committee members.

5. Upcoming Events;

The K through 12 Middletown District Art show will be held at CCRI Newport Campus this year beginning May 22 and ending May 24. All are encouraged to attend.

Middletown High School Drama Clubs production of The Dining Room will be performed at the school on May 4 & 5.

You can still catch Middletown resident, Paula Bischnowski's exhibit at the Middletown Library.

New Business

A. Diane Kerins brought up the idea of having brochures made that discuss the arts in Middletown and feature listings and descriptions along with a map of all local artists. Brochures could be on display at all Middletown municipalities and business where permitted. A printable version could be had by visiting the committees web site.

B. Diane Andrews suggested that the committee maintain a "wish list" of items that would be of use to the committee and could be asked for through the raising of funds during the Arts Celebration.

Next scheduled meeting: May 20, 2013 at Middletown High School (room TBA)

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Phelan for Carmela Geer