

Hightstown Cultural Arts Commission Minutes

5/18/2016

Peddie School

7:30 PM

Present: Ann Marie Miller, Catherine Rodrigue, Susan Bluth, Heather Lisk, Kim Boknoski, Mike Fabian, Genevieve Fabian (Hightstown High School Student), Adam Welch, Barbara Harrington, Paul Mordetsky, Sue Howard

Absent: Frank Rivera, Jonathan Shahn

Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice as advertised in the Trenton Times and Windsor Hights Herald, as required by law, and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office.

Ann Marie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. April Minutes approved (Mike moved and Adam seconded).

Barbara reported that the Cultural Arts Commission will be located next to Adam Welch's site last year.

Ann Marie said Kerrie reported Theater in the Park will be permitted to use the upstairs of the Firehouse for classes over the summer.

Sue said the Princeton Symphony would be interested in setting up a petting zoo with instruments, though they will not be available for the fall Harvest Fair event.

Ann Marie asked for an update about the Halloween plans. Mike said he plans to approach the Firehouse about space for a possible dance. Adam asked about the Byrne Café. Mike said the Tavern is another possibility. The group clarified the plan for a possible fundraiser for Saturday, October 29. Ann Marie suggested Mike and Kim look into the costs for the proposed venues. Heather indicated the space above Byrne is small, tight for a group of 60 people at a recent event for the high school, for example. Sue asked about food at the Halloween event. Mike suggested we should try to get the food for free. Discussion about food, drink, and costume options followed. Adam asked about ticket prices for the event. Paul asked for clarification on the objective of the Halloween event.

Mike asked the Commission about their tolerance for ticket prices. Barbara suggested we avoid calling it a dance to make it a more inclusive event. The group considered possible names for this event and talked about pricing.

Mercer County grant is due June 30, 2016. Ann Marie will work on that and asked for Mike's help.

Ann Marie said Linda's work is still up in the Main St. gallery. She mentioned she had received a call about displaying art in the storefront. Mike asked about displaying on a rotating basis. Adam said that's a good idea, but someone has to take ownership of that. Barbara asked whether or not it's possible to show student art. Mike asked about featuring the winners of the

school art competition. Heather said the problem is the school year is nearing its end. Genevieve indicated she can contact the students, if we would like.

Ann Marie and Paul were planning to meet with Andrew Harrison (Peddie Arts) today, but that had to be rescheduled. Kim updated the Commission on the jazz producers the Commission had visit earlier in the year. Adam asked about 12 Farms and who curates that.

Barbara said she would like to update the card with what we have done. She said she would like to place the card in the houses on the Historic House Tour, and she'd like to distribute to the local women's clubs. She said she is putting together a new resident packet, and she would like to include town things in that packet.

Adam submitted the Master Plan to the Borough Council. Ann Marie asked Heather to share with the Commission the junior-senior class fundraiser she coordinated. Barbara asked about holiday events on which the Cultural Arts Commission might piggy-back or to which the Commission might contribute. Ann Marie mentioned the lake as an attractive space for public art.

Barbara asked Susan about the 120 day thing for the rug mill redevelopment plan. Susan anticipates the rug mill plan will go forward.

Mike asked about the Christmas porch tour. Barbara said that's a biannual house tour and this year is an off year. Mike asked about musicians for the historical society tour this fall. Barbara said 7 or 8 houses are on the tour. The Commission suggested tapping local talent for the music.

Adam moved the meeting adjourn. Catherine seconded. The meeting ended at 8:25PM.