

Hightstown Cultural Arts Commission Minutes
8/16/17
Peddie School
7:30 PM

Present: Susan Bluth, Mike Fabian, Gen Fabian, Barb Harrington, Michelle Jordan, Ann Marie Miller

Minutes from the July 19 meeting were approved unanimously (Michelle motioning for approval, Barb seconding motion).

The upcoming Latino Festival was discussed. Ann Marie asked to borrow tables from Barb. There was some discussion about having the Cultural Arts Commission banner and a sign up sheet for more information in Spanish. Ann Marie was looking for volunteers to help man the table and there will be a paper flower making activity for interested folks to participate. Susan offered to help man the table with Ann Marie.

Ann Marie reported back on the Downtown Hightstown business meeting and that there is an opportunity to include info on the Cultural Arts Commission in drawstring bags given out to incoming freshmen at Hightstown High School.

Fun Fridays – The upcoming Fun Friday on 8/25 will feature paper flower making as at the Latino Festival table. Press in the Windsor Hights Herald has been good with photos of young children enjoying themselves at the Cultural Arts Commission. Other possible activities were discussed including plein air painting, pressed flowers, corn husk dolls, mosaic vases, and painting rocks again. There was a call for volunteers. Barb, Michelle and Susan offered to help at the next Fun Friday.

Harvest Fair – Barb has reached out and has 2 special effects artists ready to work at the Harvest Fair.

Ann Marie mentioned the upcoming Triathlon on Sept. 10 and that Parks & Rec was seeking volunteers.

Barb has offered to help track income and expenses as Treasurer and we are grateful for her time and assistance.

Ann Marie mentioned that she had a phone call from George at the Borough who discussed an opportunity to feature art work in the windows of Shop for Less downtown as an alternative to the merchandise piled in the window that is in violation. Gen will see if the high school students can get involved designing panels that can hang in the window to display student artwork. Prep is necessary including measuring windows and speaking with the merchants to better understand what they would like to see in terms of a window art display.

Mike asked about any progress on public art and a mural on the side wall of Taco Rito. Ann Marie suggested that Mike do some research on RFP's for public art to see how other towns let artists know of possible mural projects. She told Mike she would email some resources based on examples that she is aware of.

Barb reported that she is tracking 3 different accounts for the Commission and assuring that expenses and income are appropriately credited to the correct accounts.

There being no other old or new business, Mike motioned for adjournment, with Michelle seconding and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 20.