

Somers Point Arts Commission - January 22, 2018 - Minutes – Somers Point City Hall

Meeting Called to Order 6:01; Open Public Meeting statement read by Kathy

In Attendance – Kathy Arleth, Kimberly Bray, Lois Gregory, Karen Sutherland, Christine Toland Ulrich
Don Myers as possible commission member

Commission 2018 Re-Org –Kathy nominated and approved as Chair; Donna nominated and approved as Vice-Chair; Lois nominated and approved as Secretary.

Karen made the motion to approve new member Dan Myers, Kim seconded, motion carried; Pending Council approval.

Approval of minutes of November 27, 2017: Karen made the motion, Christine seconded, motion carried

Business

1. Financial report: Opening Balance - Trust fund as of 11/20 = \$6125.00; City fund = 0; Grant fund =0; Requisition to date= \$2076.00
2. Requests to funding sources for 2018
 - Received funds from Foundation/Ed, SPBA, Sturdy Bank, Ocean First (Marketing) - \$3000.00
 - AtlantiCare promised but not received to date
 - New requests sent - AMI Foundation; Darcy, Johnson, Day (DJD)Law Firm, D’Amato Law Firm (Alexis D’Amato)
 - NJSCA/ACoCA – Grant for 2018 = \$4200; 2017 final report sent 12/28/17; additional ADA & Accessibility accountability requirements due March 31,2018
 - Request to Council for 2018 budget of \$2500 sent in December but no response to date.
3. 2017 Programs, Projects, Events
 - Beautifying Boxes & Letter from NJDOT
 - Commission response sent to City Admin; Response received from Atlantic County with the OK for 2 traffic control boxes; Agreements to be signed by City and legal paperwork will be sent to City Admin and new City Solicitor Randy Lafferty.
4. 2018 Programs, Projects, Events
 - **Arts Reach Out:** C.A.S.T.L.E. sessions beginning 1/22/18; Sessions will end May 4.
 - **Love the Arts: Feb. 25, 2018** – Committee – Kathy, Lois, Karen, Kim, Christine - meeting regularly/next mtg 2/2
 - Event will include Art on display, poetry and music, silent auction, table for arts organizations, buffet
 - Donation envelopes
 - **Poet Laureate:**
 - *Writing Poetry Your Way* program at Jordan Rd School - 2/5/18 to 4/9/18; Promotions happening via Current ad; news releases; calendar listings; 13 registered to date
 - 7th grade poetry workshop- Due to work commitments, Maria can no longer offer these to students during school hours. She will possibly offer a workshop for teachers.
 - **April in Paris Evening of Spoken Words & Music:**
 - Happening 4/11/17 during April in Paris Week at GBCC/ Park Room; French Café atmosphere with buffet and music
 - Partnering w/ World Above Poetry and Stockton professor Emari DiGiorgio; Call for Poets –Jan; Current ad
 - Donation envelopes
 - **Art in the Park:** June 16, 2018 – Committee - Kathy, Lois, Karen, Donna
 - Edited brochure ready to go out late February/early March
 - **Film Festivals:** Foodie Films happening Oct. 4 & 5; Jazz Film happening Oct. 10
5. Promo Postcard for 2018 events sent to printer
6. Commission members for 2018: We still have 2 vacancies; Mark & Ginny no longer official members, but offering help when needed.
7. 2018 Membership in organizations: SJ Cultural Alliance-pending return of signed PO
8. Annual Appeal – continuing as a possibility for later in the year

No Public Comment - Meeting Adjourned 6:45

Next regular meeting – 4th Monday –February 26, 6pm, City Hall Council Room