

## Somers Point Arts Commission Meeting – October 23, 2017 – Somers Point City Hall

Meeting Called to Order 6:00pm; Open Public Meeting statement read by Kathy

Members – Kathy Arleth, Kimberly Bray, Lois Gregory, Donna Mohr, Mark Shockley, Karen Sutherland, Ginny Swift, Christine Toland Ulrich, Debra Westcott.

Council Member liaison: Kirk Gerety

Approval of minutes of September 25, 2017: Donna made the motion, Debi seconded, motion carried.

Business

1. Financial report – Balances: Trust fund as of 9/30/17 = \$7546.07; City fund = 0; Grant fund = 0. Outstanding bills exist but we will end 2017 with a good balance prior to receiving new funding.
2. 2017 Programs, Projects, Events
  - **Foodie Film Festival** – Report
    - Attendance Friday = 16, Saturday = 9; Surveys indicated a positive experience; Great relationship established with GBCC
    - Expenses = \$432.25, Income = \$475 (thanks to a \$100 donation); Profit = \$42.75
    - Consider for 2018: Jazz film; 1 night; Foodie Film; if 2 nights, then Thurs/Fri. not on a Saturday
  - **Beautifying Boxes** – Report
    - 12 boxes for Phase 1 completed; Great participation from the arts commission, garden club, council and volunteers; provided public awareness of the Commission; Need photo op for participants
    - Expenses = \$493.08 for paint
    - Preserving – Kathy will meet with PWD to test our varnish to work with graffiti removal; option to purchase from a California Company
  - **Promo Handouts for 2018 events**
    - Donna will enhance the one Kathy provided; SJS and The Gateway will be included
  - **Program Funding for 2018**
    - Requests to funding sources for 2018 will be sent in November
    - New possibilities in AMI Foundation; Dollar General Foundation
3. Programs, Projects, Events 2018
  - **Arts Reach Out:** Kathy met with Christine O'Brien & CER to set up the CASTLE Schedule & Budget ; Kathy and Ginny will meet re: Senior Citizens' summer sessions
  - **Love the Arts:** Feb. 25, 2018 – Committee will meet early November; Kathy & Donna will meet with Sharon Ireland at GBCC to set up details; update the Power Point presentation for use at the event for independent viewing as a continual loop.
  - **Poet Laureate,** Maria Provenzano-Leonetti: Will read at Veteran's Day Ceremony 11/11; Writing Poetry Your Way program planned for 2018
  - **Spring Evening Spoken Words** – April 11, 2018 as part of April in Paris Week
    - New contact Emari DiGeorgio – World Above Free group; Stockton University – Call for Poets –Dec/Jan
    - Set date with GBCC and request the downstairs room; more intimate i.e. a French Café atmosphere
  - **Art in the Park:** June 16, 2018 – Committee - Kathy, Lois, Debi, Karen, Donna – December
    - Kathy meeting with the Rec Bd. Nov. 2, 7pm, to submit application for June 16, 2018 park permit
    - We should encourage *The Current* to cover the Plein Aire component showing a work in progress
  - **Other event:** Ginny Swift
    - Requested the commission to sponsor a Paint Party for teachers as an extracurricular activity to further arts integration in their classrooms. Discussion followed and it was determined that the event would be organized by the teachers involved with the Princeton Program rather than through the Arts Commission.
4. 2018 Membership in organizations: Debi made the motion, Mark seconded to join SJS @ \$250 and SPBA @ \$100, Motion carried. No decision regarding membership in Art Pride NJ or SJ Cultural Alliance.
5. Participation of Commission members for 2018 – Kathy asked that we each notify her regarding our desire, yea or nay, for continued participation and involvement in the Arts Commission for 2018.
6. Annual Appeal – discussion on hold until 2018

**Meeting Adjourned 7:06 - Next regular meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, November 27, 2017, 6pm, City Hall Council Room**