

Somers Point Arts Commission – February 26, 2018 - Minutes – Somers Point City Hall

Meeting Called to Order 6:00; Meeting Open Public Meeting statement

Attendance: Kathy Arleth, Kimberly Bray, Lois Gregory, Dan Myers, Christine Toland Ulrich

Council Member liaison: Kirk Gerety

Approval of minutes of January 22, 2018: Christine made the motion, Dan seconded, motion carried

Commission members for 2018 & need to fill 2 vacancies: Kathy suggested Nick Leonetti and members unanimously gave verbal approval that she should contact him. Therefore, pending his agreement to serve, motion to approve Nick as a commission member was made.

Business

1. **Financial report:** Trust Fund Opening Balance = \$6221.12, Receipts = \$4100, Disbursed = \$1,067.76, Current Balance = 9253.36; Received \$1200 from City as per temporary budget; Grant Fund - NJSCA approved \$4200.00 & is in process. Newest Requisition submitted - \$100 for featured poet at the April in Paris Spoken Word event.
2. Funding sources for 2018
 - Received \$100 donation from D'Amato Law Firm (Alexis D'Amato)
 - Requests sent but no response to date: AMI Foundation; Darcy, Johnson, Day (DJD) Law Firm
 - NJSCA/ACoCA – ADA & Accessibility accountability requirements due March 31, 2018; ADA Committee- K.Arleth, D. Myers, K. Sutherland; Meeting with Wes Swain set for Monday, March 5, 11am
3. Programs, Projects, Events 2018
 - **Love the Arts was held Feb. 25, 2018:** Committee - Lois, Karen, Kim, Christine, Kathy will meet for recap meeting 3/2/18
Preliminary Report: 87 adults, 20 children attended; SJJS paid \$175 for 1 musician, Arts Commission paid for second musician; \$660 income from silent auction & donation envelopes; Expenses to date = \$1455.51
 - **Poet Laureate**
 - *Writing Poetry Your Way* program happening now & going well - 2/5/2018 to 4/9/2018
 - Teacher Workshop set for April 21, 10am-12noon, Dawes Avenue School Library; Arts Commission to provide catered breakfast fare.
 - **April in Paris: An Evening Spoken Words – April 11, 2018**, during April in Paris Week; GBCC/Park Room; French Café atmosphere; light buffet & music
 - Featured poet will be Marcia LeBeau; 6 additional presenting poets through partnership w/ World Above Poetry and Emari DiGiorgio/Stockton U.
 - Lois will promote on Facebook; Mark to do flyer; Lois to do program
 - **Art in the Park – June 16, 2018:** Committee - Kathy, Lois, Karen, Donna
Call for artists - 2018 brochure is ready for print & has been posted on the Art in the Park website <https://artintheparksomerspt.weebly.com/> - Lois will forward to commission members
 - **Beautifying Boxes:** Letter from NJDOT w/City Adm; Response from Atlantic County gave OK for 2 boxes; agreements to be signed by City
4. ArtC/Bill Horin is hosting Panel Discussion April 10, 2018 at Eagle Theater in Hammonton, 6:15-8:15, Kathy attending.
5. Promo Postcard for 2018 Events: Has been printed and ready to be distributed at all events & by members at various locations
6. SJ Cultural Alliance membership: still pending return of signed PO
7. Annual Appeal: continuing as a possibility for later in the year
8. Other items
 - Kirk proposed an idea to partner with the SP Historical Society for a trip/event at Crow Creek Farm & Studio in Goshen (property and art studio of Stan Sperlak). No decision made but all were interested in pursuing.

No Public Comment Meeting Adjourned 6:57

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