

Enfield Culture and Arts Commission Monthly Meeting
August 6, 2024 5:00pm (time change due to Summer Concert Series)
Enfield Town Hall, Scitico Room

Roll Call

Donna Hamre, Emily Clifford, Joyce Bolanos, Debi Kruzel
Not present: Steph MacGillivray, Jason Neely, Dan Keating, Nzima Hutchings

Acceptance of Minutes

The May 28, 2024 minutes were accepted. Motion made by Debi, 2nd by Joyce.

Chairperson's Remarks

Emily and Donna attended the performance of Les Miserable by Valley Student Theater at Granby High School. Several students from Enfield were in the performance.

Opera House Players' production of Be More Chill opens this Friday, they will be performing at AIC (American International College) in Springfield, MA due to the AC at the Annex not working.

Joyce attended Alexis Mastrangelo's Art Exhibit at the Pearl Street Library. Joyce had some ideas about future receptions having a more structured event including opening remarks.

Joyce attended the grand opening of Mi Cultura II restaurant. The restaurant features murals and artwork inside the restaurant. Attending the grand opening helps to build community.

Summer Concert Series: Malado on July 16th was a great band who we should bring back next year. The concert series is going very well this year.

Treasurer's Report

Not present

Staff Liaison's Remarks

Not present

TC Liasian's Remarks

Not present

BOE Liaison's Remarks

Not present

Old Business

Joyce spoke with Aaron from Enfield Economic Development to discuss Arts grants. We will invite him to the September 3rd meeting as a special guest.

Joyce brought a sample of ECAC Commissioner name tags. We will order 11 name tags at a cost of \$10. Debi made a motion to approve the \$110 purchase, Donna 2nd. All voted in favor to approve.

Reminder that approval for all purchases should go through Jason for a PO and to place the order. We will talk to Jason at the September meeting for clarification on the purchasing process.

No update on the Beautification Committee.

Poet Laureate update;
not present

New Business

Joyce presented an idea for a Visual Arts event. It would be a formal event for participants to dress up for and enjoy cocktails while viewing art. The event is inspired by Art Basil New York and Miami.

“Art Squash Enfield” will be a blend of art, sculpture and living art. Joyce will handle the curation. The event could feature participants from Opera House Players to reenact famous paintings.

She will have a professional logo created. The location for the event will be Thompson Hall. She has already been in contact with Frank Salas. The rental fee will be \$500. The event time will be 6pm-9pm.

Joyce shared a mockup on her computer of the space layout featuring blocks that would hold the art and benches with yellow table covers. Materials would be built or purchased and can be stored in our Annex storage room for future use. The building of the benches was suggested to contact the wood shop at EHS through our BOE Liaison.

The theme of the art should vary each year. Joyce has ideas on incorporating students from the Women's Club Art show to exhibit at the event. Her goal is to create a regional exhibit. The event could also be a fundraising opportunity, the artists could offer items for sale.

Joyce is looking into grants to cover the event. Joyce will price out the materials and we will revisit during the September meeting.

Emily was able to find a volunteer to help us with the ECAC Tent and children's activities during the Summer Concert Series in August. Volunteers who need to complete Community Service Hours are welcome to help us out.

August 13 Summer Concert, Emily will be out of town, Nzima is scheduled to cover.

Rock the Vote event on August 24 will feature 6 musical performers including Enfield High School Students performing. Donna suggested that ECAC offer children's art activities for that event with sidewalk chalk and the button maker.

The next Pearl Street Library Art Exhibit will feature art from Alex Ranniello. The art will be up on 8/20 and the reception will be held 8/22 5:45pm-7:45pm. Emily will talk to Aimee about the event structure.

The next Sunday Jazz concert will be held on August 25th, Emily created a poster to share.

Christina Tetreault is working on branding #EnjoyEnfieldCT on Instagram and social media.

Debi made a motion, Joyce 2nd, to purchase 2 whiteboards to use at the ECAC Summer Concert Series and future events for the cost of \$25.

Town Troubadour discussion will be tabled to September.

We received a new contact from Ranendra Das/RKD Tri featuring Indian drum, cello, flute.

Emily will be attending the Business Breakfast on 9/26/24 at Asnuntuck.

Emily proposed that we host an Art Show for the Enfield Adult Education art classes, offering refreshments during the reception. The event could feature music, visual arts and culinary samples. Emily will connect with Adult Ed to discuss.

Our next Open Mic event will be held on Thursday, August 8th.

Miscellaneous

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Hamre, ECAC Board secretary