

Enfield Culture and Arts Commission Monthly Meeting
March 4, 2025, 6:30pm
Enfield Town Hall, Scitico Room

Roll Call

Donna Hamre, Emily Clifford, Joyce Bolanos, Jason Neely, Nzima Hutchings, Dan Keating

Not present: Debi Kruzel, BOE Liaison, TC Liaison

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to accept February 4th minutes made by made by Dan, 2nd by Joyce. Minutes accepted

Chairperson's Report

Meetings are running long with discussions of various projects. Dan suggested an added focus on micro-meetings for side projects. Jason clarified the rules for Special Meeting with agenda and minutes.

Announcements:

3/21: Enfield Community Chorus fundraiser **Luppoletto Brewing Co** in Windsor Locks

3/15: OHP fundraiser at Almost Famous Brewery.

Valley Rep Theater will present "Sweet Delilah Swim Club", show dates are April 25, 26, May 2, 3 at CTState Asnuntuck.

Dionysus Theater Company located within the Enfield Square, will present " Other Desert Cities" throughout the month of March.

End of the month is the Heritage Fair.

OHP summer production has been canceled due to no air conditioning.

Emily would love to entertain a motion for Vice-Chair for the Commission.

Dan's schedule may be changing where he would not be available on Tuesday nights any longer.

Treasurer's Report

\$27,798

MUNIS accounting software is up to date

Sarah, Ujima, KITE, and the Women's Club Art Show checks have been issued.

Staff Liaison's Remarks

Nzima stopped by the library to check out the spot for her Poet Laureate corner. Calendar and staff capacity pending.

TC Liasian's Remarks

Not present

BOE Liaison's Remarks

Not present

Old Business:

Art Squash update: Soiree was awesome. Pictures were shared on Facebook

John Santanella and Bob Cressoti's family attended the event.

Joyce is meeting with Key Bank to discuss sponsorship.

Joyce questioned the Facebook advertising, Joyce can pay for the Facebook post, estimated \$30 and get reimbursed for it. Emily cautioned that Joyce stay under \$500 due to tax purposes.

Joyce has been saving all of her receipts for the fixtures that she has purchased.

Joyce will add Jason as an administrator for the Facebook page, he can get reimbursed on his own or inquire about getting the town credit card for the purchases.

Poet Laureate update: Jason has been working with Nzima for her Poet Laureate corner (salon) at the library. Who is the Poet Laureate? Past Poet Laureate books as well as Nzima's. 2 chairs and a display case and shelf near the window. Looking at the budget for the proposal. She would like to increase the collection by suggesting some additional titles to be purchased by the library. Nzima suggested a plaque that will be for the poet laureate, to add more names as the position grows, it can be a historian piece, town legacy. "Poets and Writers" magazine would be desired. Some decor to identify the "Poet Corner". The library purchased some of Nzima's books. A typewriter may be added to the space. In the area, small community space for 6 people could gather.

With National Poetry Month coming up in April, what can ECAC do to promote the area. The book display can be completed. The plaque can be ordered this month to be ready for April, Jason will find the contact person for the inscriptions. ECAC can support the space by funding the purchase of the poetry books, local poets, Free shipping with a minimum order of \$35 through Amazon. If ECAC approves budget to buy the books, Jason will purchase the books. We will budget \$200 for the plaque, \$150 for decor and \$400 for the book purchases \$750 budget suggested total. Nzima will maintain the space.

Motion for \$750 made by Dan and Joyce 2nd for the Poetry Corner, all voted in favor.

Poetry Club: includes T-Shirts, snacks, books/notebooks for each session. 10 times at the library: 4 Spring, 4 Fall, 2 days in the summer for a writing retreat. Nzima has put in an application to be approved for the dates, approval pending. goal of 20 people participating. CustomInk for T-Shirts will check around for pricing. Coffee/teas, crackers and cheese for refreshments. Budget created with or without books/notebooks.

Budget is \$500 per session. She would like to start April 28th.

Cost for supplies-Nzima's poetry book, decor, tablecloths (\$100), backdrop (\$200), poetry games, storage will be in a tote. Suggested buying the books as manuals to be used for both sessions. Emily suggested voting on 1 session at a time. To see how the first session goes. Nzima shared that the bulk of the cost will be during the 1st session.

Motion made by Dan, 2nd made by Joyce, all voted in favor of \$1500 for 2 sessions of the Poetry Club, with a preference for Enfield residents.

Emily and Nzima will work together for posting on social media for National Poetry Month.

First America 250th meeting, looking to partner with community organizations for the 250th celebration. Enfield Society for the Detection of Thieves and Robbers, Juneteenth, Ujima will be represented in the 250th committee. A website will be created. They do not have a budget and will be looking for sponsorship.

ECAC's proposed budget for 2025/2026 has been submitted. Funds have been budgeted for the 250th committee.

The Heritage Fair: Nzima will be there as the Poet Laureate and display the ECAC banner as well as Ujima, Donna will be there as PFLAG Enfield.

Summer Concert Series will be having a meeting coming up.

Arts and Crafts for our table/tent, materials will need to be ordered soon, prior to June.

Recycling bins will be at our tent to collect cans for Art Squash. Joyce will get pricing for the bins to vote in a future meeting.

New Business:

none

Miscellaneous

none

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:39pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Hamre, ECAC Board Secretary