

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018
6:30 P.M.
JOSEPH N. GOFF HOUSE

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Commissioners Carol Lane and Ed Yoker and town liaison Ellen Paul unable to attend.
2. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2018 - Several changes - Mindy Mills Maynard was not present at the January meeting. Reword Sentence 4. B. Shauna Lee Lange said we should ask for more funding to be in line with standard increases in program capacity, given that no increase has occurred since 2016. Minutes approved.
3. Public Comments – no public comment.
4. Old Business
 - a. Art Purchase Award Installment at High School library. The new principal has suggested the installment be done during the annual all district student art show on Tuesday, March 27. Carol reached out to Mrs. Lupaccino, the high school art teacher, to coordinate. During the event commission members will also select one piece of art from each school as part of the EHACC annual student art award initiative. The students will be given plaques and their work will be hung at the town hall in June. Mindy, Betty and Phyllis agreed to select the work and take photos. Betty said she would like to meet with Mrs. Luppaccino to invite her and her students to attend the Art Association of East Hampton's upcoming art programs. Perhaps a flier in the art room and let the kids know the programs are free to students would help. Commissioners also suggested getting into the school art show program to let the school community know who we are and maybe promote our grant program with materials we provide.
 - b. Budget Review – the budget workshop for EHACC will be on March 14 at the town hall during which commission members will give an outline of EHACC projects and initiatives to support our budget request of \$2750. Commissioners can also distribute our rack cards and a handout describing our programs. Melissa will create the hand out and find the rack cards. Information on including the current town hall Chatham Gallery in the new town hall space will also be included. Commissioners encouraged to attend.
 - c. Grant Program – The deadline for the grant program is April 2. The commission will offer two grants for 2018at \$500 each. This year's grant description will include information about incomplete or unfinished grant applications and will give applicants the chance to resubmit, applicants will be invited to present their ideas before the commission. The information will be posted on the EHACC web site, the Facebook page and to local newspapers. The commission will also ask the superintendent's office to disseminate information about the grants and print out a few for the library and the town hall.

5. New Business

- a. Creative Dance Program Funded by EHACC Grant – Dance instructor Shelley Collock reported that the annual Christmas show “Cindie’s Christmas Ballet” was performed on Dec. 16 and raised \$710 for the food bank. This year there were so many dances she cut the show to part A which was performed in 2017 and part B to be performed in 2018. The group also performed the show at several nursing homes. She went through her costumes and pulled the ones that were ripped and dirty. One of the dancer’s grandparents offered to sew, she bought fabric and craft supplies and made new costumes and drumsticks for soldiers and other crafts. Several new costumes and leotards were purchased for newer dances and hats for soldier character. The dance studio did its own fundraising too. Costumes are like Christmas to the dancers, she said. Raffles and a tag sale are planned for this year to help raise more money for more costumes. All together there were 33 dancers in the Christmas show which has been performed for 36 years.
- b. Community Events Sign – as far as an outdoor sign, the commission members were not fully on board with the idea, but there was discussion about the importance of including the Chatham Gallery in the new town hall space. The gallery is currently in the hallway on the way to the town hall meeting room. Space for the artwork that the commission purchased should also have a dedicated space.
- c. New Program Ideas – community sign/events initiative. Shauna discussed the idea of a true community calendar, which would include all events going on in town. Commissioners discussed the challenge of manpower to maintain such a calendar and how to get the information from various groups. What is our role, how are we serving the community?
Commission members discussed a community fair of some kind which would include informational booths featuring all the clubs and organizations in town. Perhaps working with the town’s economic development commission on such a project might be a way to see it through. Sports on 66 might be a venue or a town space like the high school gym, Hope Church or Epoch.

6. Commissioner's Reports

Local artist David Moneypenny will be the guest speaker at the next Art Association of East Hampton meeting on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the library.

The writers guild will be meet on Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. featuring Erin Day from 10 Summit Yoga Studio presenting Writing as Meditation at the Bevin House.

The Chatham Historical has a new web site www.chathamhistoricalct.org

On March 24 CHS will host an antique appraisal day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and an open house on March 4 at its museum space on Bevin Blvd. from 2 to 4 p.m. and the town-wide tag sale is June 16 time to be determined.

7. Public Comments – none.

8. Adjournment 8:15 p.m.