

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018  
6:30 P.M.  
JOSEPH N. GOFF HOUSE**

**Minutes**

Call to Order - Commissioner Shauna Lee Lange not present.

Approval of Minutes - Feb 15, 2018 and special meeting April 4, 2018 were approved and accepted.

Three applicants to the EHACC 2017-2018 were present and introduced. Present were Katia Hinck; Deb Robinson, Epoch Arts; Stacey Gibson, Memorial School. Presentations were heard from the three applicants.

Deb Robinson has been at Epoch Arts for 21 years. The program serves 250 children, the majority of whom are in East Hampton. There are one or two that come from surrounding towns. They give an 8 week class three times a year; a one week class in summer, and several performances and special event nights. Last year Epoch Arts gave 25 scholarships. They hold a weekly group for at risk girls.

Katia Hincks gave a slide presentation of the work being done in the Galapagos Islands by a global leadership adventure she is hoping to participate in this summer. The venture is an international effort in ecological management of the various problems affecting the species in the Galapagos. Katia is home schooled and has been interested in ecology for a number of years. She has been able to fund about 60% of her trip and is looking for assistance with the remainder.

Stacey Gibson is a pre-school instructor at Memorial School. She is looking to set up a creative play and arts program to be available at recess time. The program would be available to about 650 children per day. Stacey offered examples of the materials needed for her initiative with approximate costs for the materials. She stated she did not see the initiative being funded as part of the school budget.

After much discussion, commissioners agreed that the primary goal of our grants should be to benefit the greatest number of East Hampton residents as possible.

Commissioners voted and chose to award Epoch Arts and Stacey Gibson as this year's grant recipients.

Budget Review - We have \$1312 remaining which will be used for two \$500 grants and the Student Art Awards.

Discussion of Future Events - Student Art Awards - We will email Mrs. Lupucino with our aim of holding the Art Awards during the first week of June. Phyllis will email the names and schools of the winners to Kevin so awards may be ordered.

Wade Russo Meeting - Carol will find out when the library Community Room is available, and give Wade his option of date and time for his presentation.

## Commissioners Reports -

Historical Society Annual Tag Sale will be June 16. Fee is \$15. The next open house will be on May 6th.

EHAA will host Robin Frisella, a master pastel artist from New Hampshire as their next speaker on April 25.

The annual Art Show will be held on May 5 on the grounds of the Lutheran Church.

Melissa is to send thank you letters to each of the grant applicants and state that commissioners made decision based on our mission of promoting arts and culture to as many residents as possible.

Adjournment: 8:00 pm