

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission meeting 1/19/17 at the Joseph N. Goff House Museum. Melissa Pionzio, Kevin Gunning, Shirley Brooks, Betty Sennett, Carol Lane and Phyllis Martin present.

Call to order

Approval of Minutes from Dec. 15, 2016 meeting – approved.

No public comment

Old Business

A. 2017-18 Budget – Expenses for 2017 budget (due on Monday to the finance department), facility rental fees for open studio, \$100; open studio signs, \$500; publicity, \$100; annual grant award fund (250th town celebration and annual individual grant program) \$1250; Art purchase award, \$500; student achievement awards, \$225; advertising in local theater/art groups' publicity programs, \$200; www.artsforeasthamptonct.org web site fees, \$210 – for a total proposed budget of \$3085. The budget summary can be submitted to finance at the same time.

B. EHACC finance board budget presentation is March 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. We have no town liaison at this time, so we will attend the presentation on our own.

C. Grant Update – Two, \$500 grants will be offered in addition to a \$250 grant for an art/culture related project for the town's 250th anniversary. EHACC has already received a grant application from Creative Dance in East Hampton, which presents a charity Christmas show to benefit the East Hampton Food Bank. The grant money would be used to pay for new costumes.

New Business

A. New members & Liaison. One potential applicant is not a registered voter so she cannot serve; another potential is a married couple, and they cannot serve on the same board. Mindy Mills Maynard's term is up and she agreed to serve again. We need a new town liaison and a student representative – Carol spoke with Jon Fidler, the high school principal and he is going to get back to us. Mr. Fidler also suggested a small rack card/flier to help promote the grants to encourage student participation. EHACC could target the music department and art department heads at the high school; local boy scouts/girl scouts so they know about the grant opportunity.

Financial Report – Commissioners reviewed financial sheet from finance department.

Other – 250th anniversary celebration, the EHACC plans offer a \$250 grant. Melissa, who has agreed to be on the committee, will present the idea at the group's next meeting.

Commissioners Reports and event announcements. The Goff House board plans to do an exhibit for the 250th anniversary. Seamster Park Rebuild Committee is holding a photography competition fundraiser (East Hampton and animal themes) in February to raise funds for the rebuild effort of the park and has asked if any EHACC members would like to judge. One of the incentives to participate in the contest is to have winning photos included in a calendar offered through the parks and recreation department. Judging would be held March 1 to 15.

Chatham Historical Society - Antique Appraisal Day, March 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library; March 18, Gary O'Neil speaking on East Hampton indigenous people, at the library. Haddam Neck Congregational Church quilt show is the first weekend in April. Quilt donations welcome.

East Hampton Art Association meeting will view a video on seascape painting by Don Demers,
Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment – 7:45 p.m.