

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission - June 15, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Joseph N. Goff House Museum. All members present with the exception of Carol Lane and Ed Yocher. Town Liaison Ellen Paul also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from May 16 Meeting – approved.

Public Comment - none

Old Business

- A. Art Purchase Award – Carol Lane said she would like to help select this year's artwork at the East Hampton Art Association Art Show on June 17 in the Village Center. The artwork will be hung in the high school at a location to be determined. Phyllis and Mindy agreed to help select – Kevin is available if needed.
- B. Open Studio – a call to artists are circulating on social media and in the Riverast Newspaper. Melissa will contact artists from last year. Event planned for Halloween weekend.
- C. Budget Cuts – our budget was cut to \$1585 – we had requested \$3000. Our budget will now be \$1585 for the coming fiscal year. Commissioners agreed the cuts may hamper our ability to support the arts in town. Ellen Paul our town liaison suggested that continued attendance a budget hearings to remind the board of finance of our mission and projects.
- D. Grants – Melissa contacted all of the grant recipients to let them know that they need to go to the finance department at town hall before June 30, and let the finance director know that they are due funds. Ellen suggested the commission create an invoice to present to the finance department so we can obtain the funds for them rather than sending them to finance to get the money themselves. Kevin said the traffic on our web site increased after one of the grant winners provided a link to the announcement on Facebook. Members discussed how to handle when past grant recipients apply again year to year.
- E. Magazine article for the East Hampton Events that explains who we are as a commission with a photo is ready to be submitted. Kevin will submit the both to Cathy Sirois who will submit to the magazine editor.

Commissioners Reports & Events – Chatham Historical Society Tag sale June 17 will include 77 people including set ups at the museum. The CHS has a quilt raffle at Old Home Day, tickets are \$2 and a lottery ticket Christmas tree which will be raffled. Tickets are \$5 available at Old Home Day. Betty will be the program director for the East Hampton Art Association and will be planning the events for the coming year, to include more painters. Epoch Arts is expanding in the future to offer artist spaces, Ellen Paul met with Epoch to hear about this new initiative and suggested that they come to one of EHACC meetings and share their plans. Goff House Gazebo Concert Series begins June 22 with the high school jazz band and continues every Thursday through the summer at 6:30 p.m. except for Old Home Day week. Phyllis will have lavender picking at her Old Purple Farm 31 S. Main Street the last weekend of June and first weekend of July, 860-267-8527 is the contact number.

Public Comment – none

Further discussion on holding an open house where arts and culture groups could network and share their upcoming schedules and projects. Members agreed this would be a worthy event to host, perhaps right here in the Goff House Museum.

Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.