TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2022, 6:30pm Joseph N. Goff House, 2 Barton Hill Road, East Hampton, CT

MINUTES

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on February 17, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Joseph N. Goff House. Attendees were: Carol Lane, Mindy Maynard, Melissa Pionzio, Betty Sennett, and Rebecca Tinelle. Absent: Ed Yocher. Minutes by Rebecca Tinelle

- 1. Call to order at 6:32pm.
- 2. Motion to adopt Agenda & seconded.
- 3. Motion to approve last month's Meeting Minutes dated 1-19-2022 by Rebecca & seconded by Mindy.
- 4. No public remarks.

5. Old Business:

- a. Grant Proposals: We received two grant proposals so far. One from Stacy Gibson for a Smart Start Preschool trip to the Children's Museum and one for the Goff House Gazebo Concert Series. Mindy suggested the Memorial School Community Garden should apply for a grant if they are not receiving money from the town.
- b. Capstone Grant: Sadly, we received no applications for the Capstone Grants even after advertising in newspaper, emails & Facebook posts.
- c. Budget Review: With no Capstone Grants, we now have \$500 in the budget to use elsewhere.

6. New Business:

- a. Garden Tour/Plein Air Painting with Belltown Garden Club:
 - Possible places: members of the Garden Club, Epoch Arts, Cranberry Bog, Paul's & Sandy's, Food Bank raised beds, Mindy's clients. Betty suggested a garden by the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, but we want the event to be in East Hampton. It looks like we have approx. 3 private & 3 public garden possibilities.
 - Possible issues: parking, trampling & picking flowers.
 - When: sometime in August at peak of flower season.
 - We will have a sign up sheet, so we will know the number of attendees.
 - Possibly have an art show for the paintings from this event.
 - Possibly ask attendees to bring food donations for Food Bank.
 - If people want to donate money at the event, we suggest the money be donated to the Garden Club or School Garden.
- b. Kindness with Kids Grant: The Library is involved & supporting this grant project. There is a silent auction to raise money for the Horse Rescue. The commission would like volunteers for the program. We requested more detailed information. The Library is looking to institute more programs because of Covid.
- c. Mindy took photos of the Town Painted Bells, so Melissa can add them to the EHACC website. Mindy suggested highlighting one bell artist per week on the EHACC Facebook page and/or website. We could get a quote from each bell artist. Possibly have a Bell Tour in the Fall in association with the Historic Society. Melissa sent an email to confirm that the Town Painted Bells was a Rotary Club initiative.
- 7. Commission Event Share: May 7&8th, Quilt Show & Plant Sale at Haddam Neck Congregational Church.
- 8. Motion to adjourn at 7:35pm from Melissa & seconded by Rebecca.