

## North Kingstown Arts Council

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Nancy Whyte Sherman – Chairperson, James Halley – Vice Chairperson, Maria Carroccia, Donna Vanderbeck, Kathleen McCarthy, Gerry Grabowski, Roberta Belanger, Dan Swain.

Excused: Robert Martone, Gail Shawn Burda, Nora Hall, Eleanor Acton, Scott Monroe, Debbie Sabo

1. Call to order: Nancy Sherman – Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-60 Notice if this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State’s website.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve March 9, 2022 Minutes as written, made by Gerry Grabowski, seconded by James Halley

a: Unanimous approval.

4. Guests
5. Financial Items:

According to our up-to-date records show \$7985 is encumbered and \$2,569 is unencumbered.

Motion to accept the Financial Report made by James Halley, seconded by Gerry Grabowski.

a: Unanimous

6. Publicity/Website: No update
7. Art in the News: Wickford Art Association has invited the Arts Council to have a tent at the Wickford Arts festival this year at Wilson Park for both days (second weekend in July). There’s a new exhibit ‘Botanical Inspirations’ at the Wickford Art Association. Gerry suggested inviting the Wickford Art Association to have a table at our Summer Concert Series to promote ongoing and upcoming exhibits. Wickford Art Festival table/booth for the NKAC will be put onto the agenda for May’s meeting.

North Kingstown Community Chorus has been rehearsing for their Spring concert April 29 and May 1 at St. Bernard Church. The Chorus is growing again since Covid restrictions have been lifted. NKAC will post the event on their Facebook page. Tickets are \$15.

Dan Swain proposed a newsletter/email campaign from the NKAC summarizing events in the town related to the Arts. The council discussed the logistics surrounding this, and Dan agreed to create a template for us to use.

'NK Kids Care' has 4 markers to be installed at the Wilson Park/Zeke Harris Playground Splash Pad which includes art created by students in the town to be featured focused on various themes.

#### 8. Project Proposals

a) The Great American Trailer Park Musical – West Bay Community Theater has submitted a proposal for an upcoming show. The show will be May 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Due to lack of performing space in the town at this time, the performance will take place in Providence. There will be a bus to bring people to people from the town to the performance space. A preview of the show will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> on the steps of the old town library at 6pm. The Council discussed the proposal and current funds available. Motion to accept the Project Proposal for \$3,000 made by James Halley, seconded by Donna Vanderbeck.

a: 5 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion passes

#### 9. Final Funding Forms: none to review

#### 10. Old Business:

a) Assigning Summer Concerts to Members – Members would be responsible for promoting your assigned concert on Facebook, communications, rain date reschedules, night of concert concerns around organization of parking/traffic flow. Arrival for assigned concert is 5pm. They would also be involved with collecting donations during the concert. We are not allowed to have venmo/cashapp for electronic donations. Dan mentions "GiveButter" or Square to collect electronic funds. Dan volunteers to research requirements for either option. NKPD will be assigned as traffic detail. We will look into getting an "Unloading Area" sign for the series. A marketing flyer is being prepared. All food truck logos have been collected. Nancy will check with Scott to see about granting Maria admin rights to the page. Members signed up for several dates, will review open dates at the next meeting.

6.21.22 Paula Clare Band - Kate

6.28.22 Take It to the Bridge - Maria

7.12 Gov 88<sup>th</sup> - Roberta

7.19 Driftwoods - Nora

7.26 Country Wild - Open

8.2.22 Neal and the Vipers - Kate

8.9 Reminisce - Open

8.16 Narrow River - Dan

8.23 Good Vibe Tribe - Donna

8.30 Brass Attack - Open

b) RISCA Grant – RISCA requires 4 examples showing how the event/project impacts the community. This could include documents, videos, audio, and other supporting documentation. We did not currently have this information ready to be presented for our Summer Concert Series. We will begin compiling this information and documentation over the summer for submission for the 2023 Summer Concert Series. Nancy will email the items needed to the council to review. The council discussed which project we want to put into the grant, and it was said that a grant for the Summer Concert Series, it would free up funds for other events/project in town that could increase the reach and diversity of events.

c). Maria Carroccia was nominated to be Secretary by Gerry Grabowski, seconded by James Halley.

a. unanimous.

11. New Business – Big Blue Bus Foundation is hosting a Cinco de Mayo event and asks to have NKAC post the event on our Facebook page. Gerry Grabowski motions to approve the posts, James Halley seconds. Unanimous.

12. Correspondence-

13. Adjournment-Nancy White Sherman, Chairperson called for a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm made by Gerry Grabowski, seconded by James Halley.

Unanimous approval.

The Next Scheduled Meeting will be on May 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted by,

Maria T. Carroccia