

North Kingstown Arts Council

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Nancy Whyte Sherman – Chairperson, James Halley – Vice Chairperson, Maria Carroccia, Donna Vanderbeck, Debbie Sabo, Nora Hall, Roberta Belanger, Dan Swain, Robert Martone, Scott Monroe

Excused: Gail Shawn Burda, Eleanor Acton, Scott Monroe, Kathleen McCarthy, Gerry Grabowski

Attendee: Ricky Thompson

1. Call to order: Nancy Sherman – Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
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 April 13, 2022 Minutes as written, made by Jim Halley, seconded by Robert Martone

a: Unanimous approval.

4. Guests

5. Financial Items: We did get \$19,000 budget for next fiscal year. As of last month, \$2569 was unencumbered from the current fiscal year budget. Motion to approve by Jim Halley, seconded by Robert Martone.

a: Unanimous

GiveButter is an electronic payment/donation platform for non-profit organizations. This service is free of charge and prompts users to “tip” the service. Dan is unsure if we are eligible as we are not a 501c3. He will further research this and report back on our eligibility to use this service in the future.

6. Publicity/Website: Scott reports that the flyer for the summer concert series has been created. It is posted on FaceBook and will be posted on the Council website. The website will feature a profile of the band and what food trucks will be attending. This will also be posted on Facebook. Members that do not have access to the Council Facebook page will work with Scott to become connected.

7. Art in the News: Markers are being installed and the unveiling is May 27th at 5:00pm at Wilson Park at the opening at the of the splash pad for the summer. Artwork on the markers was created by local school children and they will be invited to the opening.

Arts Administrators of RI is a group on Facebook that members of the council can join and can register for events and programming.

8. Project Proposals

a) Lafayette Band – Asking for \$1,000 for their May 15th concert. Project proposal 80415 was submitted after the 1-week cutoff deadline for April’s meeting and was discussed at tonight’s meeting. Artists fees total \$715. Roberta will be the liaison for this event. Jim Halley motions to provide \$715, Donna Vanderbeck seconds

a: unanimous

9. Final Funding Forms: none to review

10. Old Business:

a) Ordering NKAC Attire – New members will get a NKAC hat and shirt. A link will be sent to members so they can order. It was also discussed to have merchandise made up to sell at the summer concert series.

b) Summer Concerts - Having a sign to state that access to the concert parking lot is for drop off/unloading only was discussed.

- 6.21.22 Paula Clare Band - Kate
- 6.28.22 Take It to the Bridge - Maria
- 7.12 Gov 88th - Roberta
- 7.19 Driftwoods - Nora
- 7.26 Country Wild - Eleanor
- 8.2.22 Neal and the Vipers - Kate
- 8.9 Reminisce - Deb
- 8.16 Narrow River - Dan
- 8.23 Good Vibe Tribe - Donna
- 8.30 Brass Attack - Robert

c). Witches of Wickford Parade – Nancy Raffi will no longer be running the Horribles Parade in town. The parade will still happen this year and details will be forthcoming in a future meeting.

d) Memorial Day Parade - 10am at Wilson Park on May 30th. Members will be there to pass out flyers for the Summer Concert series. Nancy will inquire if NKAC can have their banner featured in the parade.

e) Wickford Arts Festival – NKAC discussed having a booth at the festival. The council decided to not have a booth at this year’s festival, but instead will ask the Wickford Art Association will have our flyers available on their table. This may be reconsidered for next year.

11. New Business –

a) Newsletter email service – Dan sent a test newsletter draft to members after last month’s meeting using MailChimp. MailChimp is free for the first 2,000 contacts and then a fee will be charged, starting at \$11 per month. We would need to collect email addresses from the community to build our distribution list. Members would be sent a newsletter monthly to highlight upcoming events, art in the

news, and other topics of interest. We could have an ipad at events to have people sign up, a button or link on our Facebook and webpage, or a notebook or paper for people to provide their email address.

b) Becoming a 501c3 – There are costs involved with this, but this would enable the council to apply for grants and accept donations directly.

c) NK School department fills the town hall displays with art from students. This display will be empty in June when the display is cleared. There are 9 vertical and 4 horizontal frames available. Please let any artist know that may want to display their work.

12. Correspondence-

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm made by James Halley, seconded by Robert Martone.

Unanimous approval.

The Next Scheduled Meeting will be on June 8, 2022

Respectfully submitted by,

Maria T. Carroccia