

Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission
Minutes of the February 20, 2007 Meeting

Sarah Beard Buckley called the February 20, 2007 meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission to order at 7:00pm. Present were: Sarah Beard Buckley, Lina Newhouser, Diane Brakely, Stephen Popp and Jay Scherma.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lina read the Minutes of the 1/16/07 meeting. Diane moved that they be accepted as read. All present accepted the minutes.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Diane reported that \$1,850 remains in the budget. No action over the last month. Steve moved to accept. All were in favor.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Diane moved to change the order of the proposed agenda to move the Status Report on the Commission to first item of Old Business. All present were in favor.

○ Update on Status of the Arts Commission:

Sarah reported that there are no new applicants for the three open positions on the Commission. The Town Council seems to feel it is a hurdle to get people on the CEAC. Sarah thinks making the activities of the Commission more public will help

All four current members suggested names of possible applicants, but raised the question of protocol.

ACTION: Sarah will check with the Town Council about protocol and schedule for accepting new applicants.

○ Update on Status of the Town Art Collection Inventory Project

Sarah reported that she reviewed the inventory disc at Kinko's. It is in Photoshop, created on a MAC. She was able to bring it up on an IBM. All images are tifs.

ACTION: Sarah will create a new disc and save the images as jpps (lower resolution than tifs.

Diane reported that the Town Hall has an earlier inventory in Microsoft Works. It should be a listing with photos/slides and info such as name/medium/etc.

ACTION: Diane will send it to Jay to print out.

Jay noted that we will need to cross-reference the two lists, and locate all of the works of art.

Lina suggested a public event for the project: after the inventory is compiled and a list printed, we should sponsor a public tour, co-sponsored with the fire-station, since they host the Labor Day Art Show. Perhaps the event could convene at the station with refreshments, etc.

o Update on Library Gallery Schedule

<u>Upcoming Schedule:</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>CEAC Chaperone</u>
2/2 Allen Tuttle		
3/2 Diverse Lenses	cancelled	Diane for Lina
4/6 CEHS Sr. Astronomy	yes	Steve
5/4 Pond Cove poetry & photo	no	
6/1 Edurne Esponda	yes	Sarah
7/6 Diane Washburn	yes	?
8/3		
9/7 Angela Hamann	yes	?
10/5 Janice Reale Hatem	?	
11/2 Jack Riddle and Mary Hall	?	?

Pending Business:

Application from Jack Riddle and Mary Hall from Cumberland, ME. CEAC members felt the work was appropriate.

ACTION: Steve will ask them about exhibiting in November

New application: Kim Brown. Photography. From the Bronx, NY. She has 5-7 pieces in 8x10 format. All agreed that it would not be enough for an exhibit.

ACTION: Steve will call her to discuss.

Steve asked about the option of teaming up 2-3 artists with smaller collections of work.

Sarah opened the discussion of what the Commission is doing to solicit new applicants for the gallery, suggesting that we do more outreach, e.g. posters in Portland. Steve recommended that we clarify that we accept artists not from Cape Elizabeth. Jay suggested we talk with artists at the Labor Day sale. Sarah recommended letters to Art Associations in the region.

3. NEW BUSINESS

○ Budget to be submitted to Town Council in February

In review of the current budget, Steve raised the question of the school collections as a “pilot project” that was initiated about 10- years ago as something the schools would eventually take over. Jay remembered that Bill Barton brought the idea to the Commission and championed it. Lina asked if there was a timeline attached. No one was sure.

ACTION: Lina will research past minutes for information on how the project was started.

Sarah opened discussion of the new budget with proposals from the on collaborative programs we could undertake with the Portland Museum of Art and other arts organizations, including:

- PMA Biennial: the CEAC could underwrite Cape Elizabeth residents to attend Saturday Gallery talks at reduced rates
- ART TREK camp and Artascope art camp: CEAC could offer scholarships to these art camps for kids
- Free School Tours: CEAC could underwrite programs that target kids. Kids get coupons for parents to come back to visit the museum.
- Museum Passes: CEAC could make passes to PMA, Farnsworth Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum or Boston Museum of Art available for Cape Elizabeth residents.

All present selected the PMA Biennial Gallery Talks and the Museum passes as first choice.

Proposed Budget for next year: \$3,000

Grants	
-two grants	\$800
Inventory Project	\$800
Annual Community Project	\$500
-PMA Biennial Talks	
Museum Passes	\$300
Gallery Space – Lighting	\$600

ACTION: Diane will send letter before the end of the month to Mike McGovern with proposed budget.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 7 pm at the library

All further business was postponed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lina Newhouser,
CEAC Secretary