

## **Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission**

Minutes of the January 8, 2008 Meeting

Genesta Berry called the 1/08/08 meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission to order at 7:00pm. Present were Genesta Berry, Lynda Breary, Wendy Seltzer, and Jay Scherma. Lina Newhouser was absent.

**1. Secretary's Report**-minutes from December were accepted.

**2. Treasurer's Report**-There was some discussion regarding the carry-over amount from last year's budget. Jay will clarify for next meeting. Expenditures for the remaining \$225.00 for HS art framing, and reimbursement to Lynda for expenses of \$14.08 were approved. Wendy will request the checks.

Treasurer's report accepted.

### **3.Old Business-**

1. Wendy reported that fall grant recipient Patricia McCarthy was working on her project-but that it was to cover all four seasons so she would not be finished for a while. She will update Wendy periodically.

2. No update on middle school art awards.

3. Wendy reported that the first \$225.00 was paid to the HS for framing.

4. Michael Davis has confirmed that there was no Labor Day Art Show award for 2007.

5. Lynda said that the Dec. gallery reception went well. Genesta will host the Feb. reception on 2/8.

6. Lynda said that the JPEG issue is not yet resolved for the gallery application form.

7. Website-no update.

8-10. Town Owned Art Collections-there was some discussion about who tracks the collection and the need for someone to clarify what is in the brochure. There was also a discussion about what to do with the funds originally ear-marked for this project that are not yet spent: return the funds to the town, redesign the project, or proceed as originally planned. Jay made the point that we may be able to use the money for other arts-related matters.

11. Engine One Owned Art Collection-Jay explained that this is a separate collection that could be on the town's insurance policy, if inventoried.

12. Cape Courier Art Award Announcements-tabled until Feb.

13. Cape Courier Submittal--Spring Grant announcement-Wendy checking on various publishing dates.

### **3. New Business**

1. Appointments Committee-Jay said he would let everyone know who the 3 new members are after their appointment on 1/14.

2. CEAC Welcome package-Genesta said she would write a welcome letter and send to

everyone for approval.

3. Library gallery schedule-Lynda reported that there were no new applications.
4. Museum memberships-Jay explained that the library membership to the Portland Museum of Art that had been privately funded, had become prohibitively expensive for the donor. A motion was made and approved to use \$250.00 from our budget to fund the membership again because it is very popular. Wendy said she would submit an article to the Courier announcing the membership and thanking the anonymous donor for starting this wonderful tradition. In addition, Wendy and Genesta agreed to look into the costs of various other museums for possible CEAC-funded library memberships.
5. Library-Lighting-We still have \$600.00 to spend on lighting but we need to consult with Ernie and Wilson Electric as to how to proceed.
6. Library-Wall Hanging System Upgrade- Lynda proposed an upgrade consisting of hooks and cable from Gallery Systems, USA, that would cost \$208.00+tax+shipping, which was approved. Wendy will order and wait for an invoice to attach to the check request.
7. 2008-2009 Budget-There was some discussion of various ideas for our committee to fund, such as arts books and other museum memberships. Wendy presented an idea for easels to be built for use in the community services building, that was submitted as a grant proposal by Clara Cohan. There was discussion as to whether this could be considered a budget item instead. Jay suggested that the proposed budget include a line item called "special projects" to allow some flexibility in these decisions. Further budget decisions will be considered when the new members are present at the next meeting.

#### **4. Other Business**

#### **5. NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, February 12, 2008-Cape Elizabeth Library-Community Room

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Seltzer  
Substituting for Lina Newhouser, CEAC Secretary