

Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission
Minutes for Regular Meeting
May 10, 2011

The May 2011 meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission was held on May 10, 2011. Present were Doug McFadd, Chair, Genesta Berry, Vice-Chair, Wendy Seltzer, Secretary, Chris Gebhart, Treasurer, Sheila Casey, Curator of Town-Owned Art, Mary Beltrant, Grant and Outreach Coordinator, and Jay Scherma, CEAC Liaison. Julia Bassett Schwerin, Gallery Manager, was absent.

Wendy submitted the Secretary's report which was approved.

Chris submitted the Treasurer's report showing expenditures totaling \$65.49 for supplies and a CEAC site at the Fort Williams Labor Day Art Show, leaving a balance of \$544.51. The Treasurer's report was approved. Chris also reported that he received \$15.00 from the sale of art in the gallery.

Mary shared her proposed job description as Grant and Outreach Coordinator, which was approved. She will send the information to Genesta to be posted together with all of the other job descriptions. She also said that the story and photo about the Portland Museum of Art materials donated by the CEAC to the art teachers would be in the May 18 Cape Courier.

Doug, Mary, and Wendy reviewed the CEAC minutes from 2006, 2007, and 2008, and summarized them for the group. There was some discussion of the use of social media sites, welcome materials for new members, possible meetings to update town councilors, and possible social events over the summer.

Sheila reported that she had obtained a preliminary list of town-owned art from Mike McGovern, and has begun to search for those pieces and add others to the list. She is planning to put the results into an excel spreadsheet with accompanying photos that her husband has volunteered to take. Eventually, an appraisal of the entire collection will be arranged. There was some discussion of the scope of the project, i.e. whether to include art that is not technically owned by the town, such as school and Engine 1 collections. It was decided to concentrate just on the town-owned work for now. Everyone was asked to keep an eye out for the binder with slides of art produced when this project was first undertaken.

Genesta reported that the CEAC application for a site at the Fort Williams Labor Day Art Show was accepted. Members were asked to suggest ideas for how best to take advantage of this event to publicize CEAC activities.

Genesta also reported that one of the high school teachers is interested in our proposal to have art students develop a new CEAC logo. He and Genesta will get in touch with each other in the fall.

There were no new gallery applications.

There were no new grant applications.

Chris reported that he would have access to film equipment for a summer film event. It will probably be on two July weekends in the evenings, on the library grounds, with a school auditorium as a rain option. Members were asked to think about movie suggestions.

The next meeting of the CEAC is June 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Seltzer, Secretary