



ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
 Meeting Date: February 17, 2020
 Meeting Time: 6:30 Room

Present: Linnea Nemeth, Cliff Blake, Amanda Nelson, Nancy Vawter, Kim Schuman, Jane Hamor, Yulia Rothenberg, Julia Kirchmer

Absent: Mike Lee (unexcused), Rick Kincaid (unexcused), Dennis Shanahan

Call to Order: A special meeting of the Dover Arts Commission was called at 6:43

City Hall was closed due to the President's Day holiday, so the recorder was unavailable.

City Arts Grant

Jane and Linnea met with the recipient, Emily Cook, and they discussed the books and the concern over there only being 20 books. Emily is self-publishing and felt that she could only afford to print 20. She is open to printing more and ways to make it cost-effective. She has a very extensive curriculum developed. The age range is elementary school. She's included ways for the kids in Dover to connect with the kids in Rota. She worked in Rota in 2017 and saw that there was a huge gap in environmental knowledge. The Garrison School librarian has been her main contact at this point. Jane and Linnea suggested that she work with the after-school program which is nature-based and connecting with the Girl Scouts and Audubon. The city has waived its insurance requirement.

Cliff made a motion to fund Emily Cook's *I Saw an Aga*, in the amount of \$1500 and Kim seconded. Passed unanimously.

We need to do another information session for our April deadline. Yulia will check with the Police Station for the Conference Room to see if it is available on either Monday March 9th or 16th.

Membership

Virgina (Jinny) Kristl will be joining the art commission. Jane and Linnea will meet with her to catch her up to speed.

Arts Community Brainstorming Session w/ Dover Listens

Organizations to invite:

- Children's Museum
- Woodman Museum
- Chamber of Commerce
- Main St.
- Art Center
- Wrong Brain
- Garrison Players



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- Library
- Art Walk
- The Strand
- Avalon
- Northeastern Ballet
- 400th Committee
- Teen Center
- Donna Benton / Dover Planning
- Gary Bannon / Dover Rec Dept

Each organization will be allowed a maximum of two representatives in order to keep numbers down.

There should be some structure provided by the Arts Commission. The following questions were suggested: Who are you/what do you offer for programming, what is your audience, where would you like to expand, and what is your expansion capacity, where do you need help? *HeART of the City* with “art” highlighted is the name of the event.

Yulia made a motion to adjourn Kim seconded.

Adjourned: 7:35