

BROOKFIELD ARTS COMMISSION
APRIL 25, 2016
MINUTES

Members Attending: Ray Dori, Ernie Henniger, Tracey LaTerra, John Miller, Mary Daniel, Betsy Scott

Guests: Sue Slater, Lisa Scails

Lisa Scails, Executive Director of the Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut, presented a very thorough, informative and helpful discussion of various topics.

- an overview of the Alliance
- information on how to take advantage of our membership and post information on their calendar (Tracey LaTerra volunteered to be our IT connection for posting and updating the Arts Commission information).
- information about arts commissions and councils in neighboring towns and their various projects, exhibits, film festivals, etc.
- a lengthy discussion with very useful information to help those of us who are not familiar with the rules, regulations, laws, etc. for a 501c3 . She also discussed the Friends of the Arts and the distinction between that group and the Arts Commission, the process for applying for grants and much, much more

She suggested the commission determine the needs of the community and fill the gaps.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ernie reported an account balance of \$763.86 and distributed a spreadsheet with a breakdown of income and charges for the Film Festival

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are due by May 1. When applications are in, the commission will meet and read them and decide how many scholarships will be awarded.

TOWN HALL ART EXHIBITS

Marion Miller is coordinating a wedding dress exhibit for June. She is also continuing to search for additional local artists for future shows. If anyone is aware of someone who might be interested in exhibiting their work, please contact Marion.

MISCELLANEOUS

Since the audience at the Film Festival could not tell who the BAC members were, there was a discussion about buying either shirts (polo or tees) or badges for members

Tracey will investigate costs for easels and various sized banners

Ray and John suggested that a large Film Festival sign, in addition to the one at Town Hall, might be posted elsewhere in town

Mary will try to schedule Dawn DeCosta to present "smart phone and social media" classes for commission members

Next Meeting is May 23

Adjourned

Betsy Scott