BROOKFIELD ARTS COMMISSION MAY 23, 2016 MEETING

Members Attending:

Mary Daniel, Ray Dori, Carmel Fauci, Ernie Henniger, Dan Kane, Cathy Lasser, Tracey LaTerra, Emily McPadden, John Miller, Marian Miller, Shannon Riley, Betsy Scott Guest: Sue Slater

Minutes of April 25, 2016 meeting were accepted

Treasurer's Report:

Ernie reported an account balance of \$1138.86. This amount does not reflect outstanding charges (News Times bill, Cultural Alliance dues, etc.).

Town Hall Art Exhibits:

Emily and Dan's current exhibit will be taken down on May 26 and 27. The June exhibit (bridal gowns) will be installed on June 1 and stay up until the middle of July. Emily suggested that wedding invitations, etc. might be included.

Mary will confirm dates for Lisa Libretto's show - possibly September or October to the end of November.

Ray attended the Oxford Art Show and recruited 4-5 artists who would like to exhibit their work - dates to be determined.

Film Festival:

Tracey discussed shirts, etc. for members to help identify them at the film festival. It was discussed and decided that shirts would be too expensive and badges would be a less costly option.

Some people who attended the film festival were not aware that the money raised was used for scholarships and some thought the money was to be used for the Senior Center.

Tracey suggested that short clips of one or more of the scholarship recipients be shown at the festival next year so people are aware.

Arts Commission Scholarshsip:

Three Brookfield High School students submitted applications. It was noted that Brookfield residents attending other schools (Immaculate, Wooster, etc.) are also eligible to submit an application.

After reviewing and discussing the applications, a motion was made and seconded to award 3 scholarships for \$1,500 - \$1,000 - \$500. Ray will relay this information to the high school so it will be included in the program.

Carmel suggested that two tickets for the 2017 Brookfield Film Festival be given to each scholarship recipient.

Carmel, Mary and Tracey will attend the awards ceremony at the high school on June 6 to present checks to the students.

<u>Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut:</u>

Tracey has had discussions with Lisa Scails at CAWC about getting our information on their website and has updated our logo and profile. She will take pictures of the bridal gown exhibit for their website. Because of the short deadline, Shannon suggested that the information could be submitted using a picture of lace/flowers rather than the gowns themselves since the exhibit won't be up until June 1.

Movie - "Wandering Off":

This movie will be filmed in Brookfield this summer and the film makers are seeking funding. There was a brief discussion about whether the BAC should support this and the conclusion was that more information is needed and the issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

IPhone Classes:

Dawn DeCosta's Iphone classes (arranged by Mary) have been well received. It is hoped that the knowledge gained will enable us to use social media more effectively to promote our events. The last class will be June 1.

Local Artists:

Please contact Marian if you know of any artist who would like to display their art at Town Hall.

Remaining Budget:

Suggestions for the remaining money in our budget included buying easels, pop-up banners for the Film Festival, printer paper and cartridges.

Next meeting is June 27. The first part (7:30-8;00) will be devoted to Friends of the Arts - Michelle Kukk willl be guest presenter.

Betsy Scott