

**BROOKFIELD ARTS COMMISSION
JUNE 27, 2016 MEETING**

Members Attending:

Mary Daniel, Jillian Doherty, Ernie Henninger, Dan Kane, Cathy Lasser, Tracey LaTerra, Emily McPadden, John Miller, Marian Miller, Shannon Riley, Betsy Scott

Guests:

Brittany Nisco and Grant Kettner

Ray Dori was unable to attend the meeting. Marian Miller, co-chairman, presided in his absence.

New Member, Jillian Doherty, was welcomed.

Friends of the Arts

The first portion of the meeting was devoted to information/discussion about the FOA (Friends of the Arts). Michelle Kukuk, who was scheduled to attend and provide information about the FOA, could not attend. Mary Daniel provided information about the FOA and their mission to support efforts of the Brookfield Arts Commission as well as other art endeavors. The new board of the FOA (Mary Daniel, president - Marian Miller, vice president - John Miller, treasurer - Matthew Daniel, secretary and at-large members Carmel Fauci and Joann Hunter) are tasked with supporting projects of arts organizations in Brookfield. Monies raised and donations to the Brookfield Arts Commission that are deposited in the FOA account will be put in escrow for the BAC. The FOA will write grants and seek other funding for arts projects.

Guests

Brittany Nisco and Grant Kettner attended to discuss their film, Wandering Off, which will be filmed in Brookfield beginning in August. The movie is about parents with sundowning syndrome and is told through the view of their children. They are seeking \$10,000. Funding through Kickstarter and are trying to raise as many additional funds as possible. They are using interns from Westconn, Keene State and Eastern CT. The cost for SAG actors, catering, transportation, insurance, etc. is huge and they hope to get a donation from FOA and/or individuals and are looking for volunteers from the community to transport people to/from the set, administration and catering assistance, etc. They plan to submit their film for inclusion in the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival. They proposed presenting a workshop (how to make a movie) possibly in the fall to involve the Brookfield community

Treasurer's Report

Ernie reported an account balance of \$11.89.

Art Exhibits

The wedding gown exhibit now on display has been a big success. A "closing night" party is scheduled for July 14 at 7:30. The next exhibit will be installed on September 6. As always, please provide Marian with the names of any local artists who might be interested in exhibiting their work at town hall. An exhibit combining work of various artists can be scheduled if any one artist doesn't have enough work for a solo show.

Film Festival

The 2017 Brookfield Film Festival will be the 10th. All members were encouraged to attend as many local film festivals as possible and also to watch films online. And all members will plan to attend the Manhattan Shorts on October 2 at the New Milford Theater.

CAWC and Facebook

Tracey has submitted information/pictures of the wedding gown exhibit and will provide information about upcoming events for the CAWC calendar. Jillian volunteered to administer our Facebook page and will provide information to Danna.

Danbury Women's Club

Marian provided information about the booklet the Women's Club of Danbury is publishing. Mary proposed that the BAC buy a half page ad for \$50 and the motion was seconded and approved.

Next meeting is July 25

Adjourned

Betsy Scott
Secretary, BAC