

Litchfield Arts Council

Minutes, April 12, 2022

Bantam Annex

Called to order: 12:31pm

In attendance was Priscilla Jeffery, Thomasina Levy, Caylin Jensen, Michele Murelli. Charlie Dumais absent with notice.

Courtney Murray, Ashley Pickier Dubin attended as members of the public with an expressed interest in joining LAC.

Motion to approve minutes for 3/8/22, 3/13/22, and 3/22/22, was made by Jessica & seconded by Caylin.

Introductions:

Courtney Murray is a wedding photographer, and she is interested in joining the LAC. Ashley, is a lawyer & Arts Advocate, and comes from a family of artists, and arts advocates, and feels she can be a positive member of the LAC.

Agenda Items:

LAC Approved the Vision Statement:

Litchfield will become a vibrant center for the arts in all its forms, by encouraging diverse creative voices in partnership with the community, enriching the quality of life for area residents of all ages by promoting arts events, spotlighting artists and art groups, and supporting the advancement of the arts.

Motion to approve made by Jessica, seconded by Thomasina. Unanimous approval.

Strategic Plan discussion was put off until our next meeting.

Follow up to Bantam Cinema event. Approx. \$1324.89 was raised for the LAC, and it has yet to be delivered. Thomasina, our treasurer, will be one of the signatories on checks along with our 1st selectwoman, Denise Raap, and will open the bank account when the check is delivered.

New Business:

Community Special Events, Earth Day. The LAC was asked to participate.

Artist Magaly Ohika, will provide an activity for children with her coloring book pages.

Motion was made to pay her 150.00 for her time.

Motion was made by Thomasina and seconded by Caylin.

For the Earth Day event, Charlie was volunteered to create a document that Michele will have turned into a poster to advertise our Council. Copies of a survey will be available in hardcopy and online, to solicit information, will be available as well.

Questions need to be developed, so members need to design and submit questions that will be included in the survey, and bring them to our 4/26/22 meeting.

As a result of the arrangement related to the artist who has been asked to facilitate an arts activity for children at the Earth Day event, we agreed that all decisions should be put in front of the Council before they are made. We can agree not to make proposals or agreements with anyone without committee approval.

Regarding the Bantam Annex and the LAC's interest in a permanent meeting space: A Charette will be held in late summer or early fall; The LAC needs to tour the Annex prior to that and choose the space that best fits our needs, and develop a presentation for the Litchfield Facilities Commission.

Studio space is desired. Residencies can then be offered to Litchfield artists.

Adjourn: Motion made by Priscilla, and seconded by Thomasina @ 1:32 pm

Respectfully submitted by Michele G. Murelli