

Stowe Arts and Culture Council

Minutes of regular online meeting of the Stowe Arts & Culture Council

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

In attendance: Rachel Moore, Chair, Mort Butler, Kelly Holt, Lynn Paparella, Vice Chair, Charlotte Castner, Sharon Harper, and Hope Sullivan, Clerk

Also in attendance: Cheryl Casey, Beth Lieberman, and Tom Jackman.

Meeting was called to order at 9:02AM

On a motion duly seconded the minutes from April 6, 2021 were approved.

1. Updates and Reports

- a. Sharon/Mort – website and images
Mort did some work on the website. There is a sample new homepage and there's a calendar again (thanks to Kelly and Lynn for content). Sharon will review the website. Mort and Sharon to meet. Stoweartsandculture.org
- b. Images are on some dropbox somewhere – Rachel to look at HDAC to see if they're there. Need to move to SACC dropbox.
- c. This is Tom's last meeting. Cindy Weber will take his place as a staff person for the committee.
- d. Lynn updated that noon Music in May is launching on 5/5. There are four concerts. Church requires proof of vaccination. Music in Meadow – three acts planned. Two in July, one in August. Need full contact information. Gazebo series fully booked. Also have collaboration with Spruce Peak Arts – VSO Brass Quintet in July. 12 concerts, nine free.
- e. Hope updated that SJFF, VYD, Miss VT, Collab w/ Lynn, and Spruce Peak Chamber Music Society. Kelly added that we're continuing our BIPOC artist panel discussion on June 23 with a complimentary gallery exhibition through the summer (exploring earth) featuring all of the artists in the panel series.
- f. Sharon updated that there's a display ad linking to summer activities page which has an arts and culture tab on it. Also planning a summer events round-up. Sharon can take lead on writing the blogs. Sharon asked if she could take pics of Noon Music in May – Lynn and Sharon to coordinate.
- g. Rachel updated that HDAC is announcing new name change this week on Thursday. Student art show up right now. Ceramics studio and flat glass studio open this summer for camps. Big exhibition June – Nov. MoMA curator coming for a talk. Opening but doing reservations.
- h. Charlotte updated the Stowe library is moving towards being open. Currently open by appointment. Tom added that expecting that Town Hall will fully open to the public on July 4th. (so this meeting could be in person or hybrid). Will put on the agenda for next meeting.

2. Two open seats – prospects are:

- a. Cheryl Casey is interested. She'll email the town today.

- b. Beth Lieberman will think about it again. Will speak to Rachel.
 - c. Hope suggested George Petit, Lynn will talk with him.
 - d. Sharon suggested David Rocchio, Rachel will talk with him.
- 3. Election of Officers
 - a. Is there anyone who would like to step-up or step-down? If not could just take a vote to have current officers continue. Current officers are: Rachel, Chair, Lynn, Vice Chair, Hope, Scribe.
 - b. On a motion duly seconded current slate of officers continuing for a year was approved.
- 4. Draft artwork in public places policy
 - a. Rachel has a ton of notes. Others to email Rachel their notes and she and Hope will review before going to Charles.
- 5. Town Plan Discussion

Hope, Charlotte, Lynn, and Rachel volunteered to look at how to integrate arts and culture across plan and look to integrate DEI language into the arts and culture section. Group will bring back to the committee for review. Town plan located here:
https://www.townofstovevt.org/vertical/sites/%7B97FA91EA-60A3-4AC6-8466-F386C5AE9012%7D/uploads/STOWE_TOWN_PLAN_adopted_6.8.15.pdf
- 6. Funding goals

Need to clarify before work on values statement. Also need to decide how to spend \$2,000. Have talked about website, domain, email, squarespace, and over-street banner. Mort will collect numbers. And Rachel will pull numbers for Stowe Arts Week. How about Stowe Arts Summer? Starting in mid-June with opening of gallery exhibits at HDAC and Spruce Peak Arts? SAA vestibule open and there are a few spots for posters around town. Hope will request ad sponsorship from FPF and cc Sharon so she can take over the conversation. Sharon also putting together a media plan for Stowe Arts Summer.

On a motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 10:02AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Hope Sullivan