



Town of East Hartford 2024 JAN 16 AM 8:08
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts

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East Hartford Raymond Library
840 Main Street
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Roz White called meeting to order at 7:00PM

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Aida Ortiz, Amanda Ackley, Michael MacDonald, Joan Coates, Lisa Gold, Glynis McKenzie, Thomas Lumpkin, and Roz White

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Morgan, Library Director

ABSENT: Thomas Lumpkin -excused
Prescille Yamamoto
Emilio Estrella

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: December 14, 2023

Corrections to minutes- Com Emilio Estrella is not yet resigned, sending in letter. Move Com. McKenzie report for City Singers and correction of spelling for Talcott Brass to Projected Project Events.

Motion made by Joan Coates to approve minutes with corrections and seconded by Lisa Gold. All in favor. Motion approved.

Resident in attendance Adrian Sowell introduced herself.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT:

No report.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - none

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Sarah Morgan, Library Director

General library notes:

- 2 staff updates –custodian who was out on workmen's compensation is back. Full duty starts next week.
Posting for a Librarian II soon- will be on the Town Council agenda for approval.
- Library event- Take your child to the library day-final show for puppeteer and library employee Rolande Duprey.
- Spring show is in planning
- Library Budget- Sarah gave brief update on line items, some being combined and some split into separate line items.

A subjective change- our annual provider, Novice or I.T. support, biggest cost in the budget. Library has several employees who have the right skill set for I.T. tech support and the town I.T. to pick up some of the support. Will be cutting down on using Novice, will be using for afterhours only. This is a cost saving measure.

Will need to purchase some equipment, one-time cost.

Small increases, utilities for two buildings.

Largest cost is salaries

Books and publications for residents

Library does have a revenue from printing; that helps with the cost of supplies and printer

- Children Programs – no report
- Immigration Events-
 - Spring program dates announced are in last month's minutes-publications will go out soon.
 - Met with Toshika- wants to do an October 2024 event. How does the commission want to treat this; as a new grant application for the new fiscal year? Previous cost was \$2000. Grant proposal will be for \$2000. Library will be the lead applicant and Toshika will supply the background.
- EHSYF-
 - Joan Coates still looking for a location.
 - Chair requesting a motion to give \$1500 for EHSYF. Celebrating the 60th year. A fundraiser and anniversary will be held 4/20/24 at The One Wood Pub.
 - President has been reaching out for donations and working with the BOE for alternate locations. Chair suggest KIA in East Hartford, every month they give out to a non profit organization.
- Film Festival- 16th series- Glynis McKenzie –press release sent to Mayor's office. First show will be 1/20 at 7PM title of the movie is After Sun

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Projected Projects/Events

Paul Bisaccia concert will be in April or May. Chair asks Glynis McKenzie to contact him; money already allocated for him at a cost of \$875 and the piano tuning of \$150

VII: NEW BUSINESS:

Projected Projects/Events

- **Black History**
 - February Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Wickham Library
 - Celebrate Black culture and stories through these powerful movies and documentaries. Register for a reminder.
 - Feb 1: Till (2022) In this emotional true story, Mamie Till-Mobley relentlessly pursues justice for her 14-year-old son who, in 1955, was lynched while in Mississippi.
 - Feb 8: Free Renty (2021) Who owns the rights to the violence of the past - the victim or the perpetrator? CT Resident Tamara Lanier battles against Harvard

University for daguerreotypes of her enslaved ancestor, Renty, taken by force without his consent.

- Feb 15: Summer of Soul (...Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised) [2021] Documentary about the legendary 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival which celebrated African-American music and culture and promoted Black pride and unity.
- Feb 22: The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks (2022) The unexpected story of Rosa Parks and her life beyond the historic bus boycott reveals the intent behind her activism, her radical politics and her courage.
- February 29: hold for snow date
- **Leadership-**
 - G. McKenzie asks Chair if she has a nominating committee. No, Chair asked G. McKenzie if she is willing.
- **By-laws-**
 - Sarah is at the mercy of the Mayor's office in this process for the split the to occur.
- **Finance –**
 - Nothing has been paid out. Only budget increase is the clerk from \$1000 to \$1100 Glynis McKenzie has bills for John Bacon for screening of the movies. \$50 for 4 movies.

VIII: APPROVAL BILLS:

Clerk for meeting -	\$100.	Recurring bill
Sony –film festival	\$250	
Swank-film festival	\$450	
Neon-film festival	\$250	
P. Bisaccia	\$850	
Piano tuning	\$150	
Ad with JJ	\$100	
John Bacon	\$200	for services of showing 4 films

Motion by Lisa Gold to pay all the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Joan Coates.
All in favor. Motion approved.

Bell Ringers- Chair read a letter from a resident who attended the Bell Ringers and would like them back. Chair contacted the Bell Ringers for a spring show; show will be diverse music. The entire ensemble. Will work on dates and location.

IX: Members concerns:

A. Sowell asks how we publish our events. Chair and G. McKenzie explain post through the Mayor; office. Posts on Town Facebook, Gazette and website. Sarah states some programs are co-sponsored with the library and in conjunction with the schools posts on parent squared and Library's website.

If we can come up with some ideas and events to use our budget. Tickets for Hartford Stage. Tamara speaking with a person who does the Hartford Carnival. Wants to know the process and how it works to see if East Hartford can have one. Have a component of it, work with the Events person.

X: ADJOURNMENT:

Motion at adjourn made by G. McKenzie and seconded by M. MacDonald. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Next meeting will be February 8, 2024, at the EH Library in Meeting Room 1

Minutes respectively submitted,
Sana Hart-Clerk