



Medway Cultural Council Art Programming Subcommittee Minutes
March 23, 2021

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting. Access via Zoom is provided for the required opportunity for public participation at the bottom of the agenda. The Medway Cultural Council Art Programming Subcommittee meeting was held via Zoom at 7 p.m. on March 23, 2021.

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

Present: Gail Hachenberg, Jordan Warnick, Judith Moffatt, Valerie Shinas, Becky Atwood, Celeste Falcone, Jennifer Kendall, Karyl Wong, Valerie Shinas (arrived late), Sharon Callahan

Absent: Joanne Williams

1. The minutes from the February 23, 2021 meeting were accepted and approved with a motion from Judith and a second from Jordan

2. The COAAST program was discussed. Hazel updated the committee with good news. The Medway Lions have donated \$750 to the performance. An anonymous donor also wants to donate \$1500 to the cause, in order to have a second performance. The Medway Library has also offered \$250. THRIVE and the PTO do not have funds to donate but they are interested in helping to publicize. Medway Cable Access is interested in donating an amount (details not yet known), if COAAST gives them permission to stream it. COAAST is okay with that, as long as it is not recorded.

As for options for a second performance, it could possibly be done at the high school, but it would need the cooperation of the school. Another option would be to book a performance of Part 2 of the play, titled *Four Legs to Stand on*. Members of the committee looked favorably on

the idea of getting Part 2, as there would be less hoops to jump through, but will still service the same audience.

A date for the first performance will be determined soon, with the first performance being done sometime in April or May. The performances of the play will be limited to Medway residents. Jennifer noted that the check from the Medway Lions was in the mailbox in town hall and was processed. She will check the box again at the end of the week. Hazel will ask the marketing team of COAAST to get in touch with Celeste to coordinate marketing. Hazel will talk with the team of COASSt to determine dates for the performances.

3. Gail gave a quick update about the Bridge project. She mentioned that there is much research being done into the signs. Ten of the bridge names gained approval from the Select Board. One has yet to be officially named, as they are waiting to hear back from local indigenous groups. It was noted that in order to name this bridge in the most sensitive, careful way possible, patience is needed.

4. Behind the Scenes Culinary Artists video series was discussed. TC Scoops will be the first restaurant featured. Judy, Valerie, and Gail will host it, and they are working on solidifying the filming date. It is hoped that it can be released for restaurant week. Kim will also go there to get photos and information to write for the wordpress site. It was determined that it was best to keep artist spotlights going every month and release Behind the Scenes every other month, possibly in the middle of the month, as they become available. Kim will set up a page on the Wordpress site with the information about Behind the Scenes. Kim will also let Celeste know when updates are made to the Wordpress site so that Celeste can promote it. It was also determined that calling the artist spotlight videos made by Medway Cable Access *Artist Spotlight Video Tours* would be a good way to bridge the delay between the publishing of the questionnaires on the Wordpress site and the release of the videos.

5. Art in the Park and Pixie Project updates were provided. July 24th and 25th will be the dates that the pixies are displayed in Choate Park. Gail and Judy will be touring Choate Park tomorrow to find the best spot for displaying the pixies. As for Art in the Park, the date is yet unknown. Karyl asked if Judy and Gail could scout out areas that would be ideal for art in the park, possibly near Thayer Homestead or in the walkway where the Farmers Market sets up. Time of day to hold Art in the Park was discussed, and it was determined that midday might work best, from 1-4 pm.

6. The need for consent forms for Artist Spotlights and Behind the Scenes Culinary Artists series was discussed. The procedure to follow for sending and receiving forms was worked out. Instructions for filling out the form, such as printing, scanning, and emailing it back, will be added to the form. Before sending out the form, the form will be run through Town Hall, and Town Counsel, to make sure it is okay. In addition, Gail will ask if consent forms are needed for photo contests.

7. Gail discussed Carol Cohen's MedCC grant. Dates for her performances were noted as possibly being April 28th and May 26th. These dates are particularly good, as they don't conflict

with dates available for COAAST. The Council's Zoom will likely be used to host the event. It was noted that Zoom management will be needed if that does occur. Carol Cohen will send marketing information to Celeste.

8. A discussion about ideas to bring art to the Medway Commons will be postponed to the fall. A motion to table it was made by Kim with a second by Judy.

9. The spring photo contest was discussed. Phrasing in the contest flyer could include language that acknowledges that a submission gives us permission to post it on our website and social media. Gail will get in touch with the Franklin Cultural Council to find out how they handle these things, as well as Allison Potter in Town Hall.

The meeting abruptly ended at 8:25 due to technical issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Kendall and Gail Hachenburg