

Putnam Arts Council
March 22, 2021
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order at 5:32 pm - no quorum
Present Karen Osbrey, David Sullivan, Elaine Turner, Laura Moorehead
2. Approval of minutes – not possible due to lack of quorum
3. Financials - review not possible due to lack of quorum
4. Website and Social Media Update - no update, Karen has requested that Akanksha email her the updated database
5. Communication with other groups
 - a. Trash cans - Elaine reported 5 are complete and David has another ready for painting and there is one ready for stripping. Elaine made a request for a payment be made to the Northeast Connecticut Art Guild for the time, talent, and effort that is going into these pieces. She said a normal value would be \$1,000, based on the square footage of the cans, and feels that a cost of \$100 per can is extremely reasonable. This would allow the Art Guild to pay a stipend to Sawmill Pottery for the time that is being spent prepping the cans as well as a stipend to the artists involved. The remainder of the money would be spent on other projects as they come up so it would all go back into the community.
 - b. Pop Up Putnam - the events will be held once a month this summer starting on May 8, 2021. The second one will be May 22 and the remainder will be on the fourth Saturday of every month. Karen suggested that the Putnam Art Guild take a table at one of the events. She still has several items in storage that we could sell and we could feature local artists.
6. Public Art Projects
 - a. Permanent Sculpture Installation – plaques are being made for the bear sculpture, which will stay in Rotary Park, and the library sculpture which will move to the new town complex upon completion.
 - b. Simonzi Park Memorial Garden - plaque is ready to go in once the weather warms up.
 - c. Sculpture Fair 2021 - the town does not have the funds to hold another sculpture fair this year but another art-centered event is in the works. Details are not yet available.
 - d. Sculpture Fair by PAC - David presented a sample proposal for a juried sculpture event for our Arts Council to put on. Discussion of the proposal followed with much excitement over the possibility. The proposal will be emailed to all committee members to review and make notes. All agreed a smaller event this year would be wise due to limited time. Once it is proven to be successful a larger event could come in following years.
 - e. Municipal Complex Art Show - the new complex has a completion timeframe of August/September 2021. One of the features of the building is a long hallway which will be equipped with an installed artwork hanging system which can feature local art. Our PAC has been asked to organize the first showing for the grand opening. Information will be gathered from other organizations who hold regular art shows and discussion of what should be included during the showing will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. New Business - Karen has received a resignation letter from Kathy Guertin. A vote was not taken due to lack of a quorum.

10. Adjourned at 6:38 p.m. Next meeting will be held on April 26th.

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