

Putnam Arts Council – May 24th, 2021 meeting minutes

1. Call to order at 5:40 pm

Present Karen Osbrey, David Sullivan, Anthony Foronda, Laura Moorehead, and Julie Reid.

2. Approval of minutes – Laura Moorehead moved to approve minutes as presented, Anthony Foronda seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Financials - no change since last meeting.

4. Website and Social Media Update - Anthony has sent a test email to Karen who said it looked good to go. He will send the test email to the entire Putnam Arts Council for feedback.

5. Communication with other groups

a. Trash cans - project still underway. Karen reported that she and Elaine Turner have purchased more paint along with ordering an anti-graffiti coating. The cost of the paint went beyond the original amount approved at the last meeting. Laura Moorehead moved that we increase the amount appropriated to the paint supplies to \$224.95. Anthony Foronda seconded. Motion approved.

b. Pop Up Putnam - the first event has been held and was very successful. The next one is scheduled for June 26, 2021.

c. Permanent Sculpture Installation – no update to report.

6. Sculpture Fair 2021 - David has incorporated the changes that he received for the prospectus and has assembled a list of potential sculptors. Due to the tight timeframe he suggested we make phone calls to the candidates and, if they are interested, send them the paperwork. The list was divided up between Council members. A timeframe was discussed and will be incorporated into the prospectus. Sculptors will be asked to submit a concept by July 1 and final images by August 16. We hope to attract 10 artists with each submitting two pieces. Anthony will work on designing an event logo.

7. Municipal Complex Art Show - Karen will be attending a meeting at the municipal complex soon and will get exact measurements of the hallway where we will be having art shows. Laura reported that she has spoken with Roberta at the

Thompson Library, a municipal facility that is well-known in the area for their art shows. The council discussed several questions that Laura had presented to the group:

a. Who will be responsible for hanging artwork? At Thompson the artist is in charge. Karen will discuss the topic with the mayor. The most popular idea seemed to be to have the artist responsible for hanging but have a PAC member present as well. The PAC would also be responsible for printing out any labels that go with the art so that there is a consistency to the look and damage is not done to the walls.

b. Will artists be allowed to sell art? At Thompson they keep a list of the paintings at the desk and if anyone inquires about a piece they are given the list and contact information for the artist so that any transaction is simply between the buyer and artist. That policy would work well for us, too.

c. How often do we want to change shows? The Council agreed that starting out as quarterly shows would be a good length for a show while not taxing our volunteer committee.

d. Do we want to have opening receptions? Everyone was in favor. And the idea of closing receptions were also discussed.

8. Old Business - none

9. New Business

a. A discussion was held on who could be contacted to replace the two members who have resigned. Various committee members reported they knew of potential candidates so they will reach out and report back at the next meeting.

b. Anthony suggested we take another look at stickers or some sort of promotional materials using the logo and business card he designed in the past. He and Karen will take a look at what we have and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. David moved that we adjourn at 6:51. Anthony seconded. The next meeting will be on June 28, 2021.