

Putnam Arts Council Meeting Minutes May 23, 2022

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:32. In attendance was Karen Osbrey, Laura Moorehead, Julie Reed, Beth Johnston, and Kathy Dunton.
2. Minutes from April 2022 were approved - Laura made the motion, Beth seconded, all approved.
3. Financials/Invoices - Karen reported the we have spent our entire town budget. All invoices have been paid.
4. Marketing-Website-Social Media - no update due to Anthony Foronda's absence.
5. Communication with other groups
 - a. Trash Cans - the ninth trash can is currently being painted.
 - b. MLK Mural - on schedule to be completed on June 20, 2022.

Public Art Projects

- a. Permanent Sculpture Installation – the plaque on the library sculpture has been installed.
- b. Municipal Complex Art Show
 - i. Annie and Dave Joly's show is the current show.
 - ii. Reception for Jolys – Saturday, June 4, 2022. Press releases have been sent to various outlets. Karen reported that WINY will be donating an advertisement package to promote the event. Laura will reach out to the Jolys to ask if they need any electronic equipment for the presentation. Karen will donate lemonade and iced tea. She will also arrange for cookies. Laura will provide paper goods.
 - iii. Dot Burnworth will be the featured artist for the next show. She has asked to start her show in mid-July so that will leave time for the town to touch up the paint in the hallway.

We have received all the necessary information from Anne Rosebrooks and Donna Lange so it was agreed that we would ask them to be the featured artists during our fourth quarter in the Municipal Complex gallery. Laura will reach out to them.

It was agreed that the beginning show in 2023 will feature the artists from our committee. That will be a short 6-week run to be replaced mid-February with art from area schools. Julie asked if committee members could also ask their relatives to display a piece during our committee's show. It was agreed that that was a good idea.
- c. Love Locks Project with QCC - The ribbon cutting was held on May 14. Plaques are on order.
- d. Farmers Market - The idea was presented at the most recent Putnam Recreation Department meeting. The committee liked the idea but had some requests that they would like incorporated into the proposal. Our group will wait until David Sullivan, who is leading the initiative, to attend a meeting in order to get his input.
- e. Tournadeau Update – Saturday, August 13, 2022 in Rotary Park. Our committee is tasked with finding four to five artists to demonstrate at the event. Beth (encaustic) and Laura (acrylics) have both volunteered from our group. Karen will reach out to Jamie Soroka (tattoo) and a woodcarver. Laura will reach out to Sawmill Pottery and a weaving group.

New Business

- a. Sheep Statues - The Aspinock Historical Society is participating in an area-wide art event that will feature artistic sheep statues in towns which are connected in some way to Samuel Slater. The event is being organized by the Samuel Slater Museum in Webster. Aspinock will be creating the sheep but has asked for our committee's input. Elaine Turner will be painting the sheep.
- b. PAC Rack Card - Our current rack card is extremely out-of-date. Laura will reach out to Anthony to get the original files so she can start updating it.
- c. Name of Gallery - Our new gallery at the Putnam Municipal Complex needs a name. After a brief discussion it was voted on and approved - the gallery will be named "The Corridor Gallery." Beth made the motion, Julie seconded.

Public Comments - none

Adjourned at 6:06 pm. Laura made the motion, Kathy seconded.