

**Town of Putnam**  
**Arts Council Meeting Minutes**  
Regularly Scheduled meeting on  
**Monday, February 26, 2024, at 5:30pm**  
In person at Putnam Municipal Complex, 200 School Street, Putnam, CT  
**Community Room 112 or**  
**Join Zoom Meeting**  
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Chair opened the meeting at 5:32pm

1. Roll Call: Chair David Sullivan, Vice Chair Laura Moorehead, Council Members: Annie Joly, Julie Reid, Carmine Angeloni, Jamie Soroka, ECD Director Mary Ann Chinatti, and ECD Admin. Assistant Jackie Lefevre.  
Member Beth Johnston arrived at 6:15pm  
Absent: member Elaine Turner  
The chair left at 6:34pm, Vice - Chair finished the meeting.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2024 & Special Meeting February 6, 2024\* Member Soroka motioned to approve both meeting minutes, seconded by Member Reid, Vice-Chair Moorehead abstained, motion carried.

3. New Business:

I. Putnam Pride 2024: Chair Sullivan shared Ross Johnson has been working with the Recreation Dept. on the project. The Pride event is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>, at Rotary Park. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the event.

4. Old Business:

I. Art Heist 2024

i. Donation and Ticket Sales Update: Donation of art, to date, is 37; and 32 tickets have been sold. Member Moorehead shared former member Karen Osbrey reached out and is donating tiles, from the old train station roof, which have pics painted on. Vice-Chair Moorehead will retrieve them. Member Joly inquired How will the tickets work? There will be a final list of who purchased tickets at door, names will be checked off the list, and numbers that correspond

with the list will be put into a hat, bowl or container. Numbers will be called to take their turn at “heisting” a piece of art. Member Angeloni has volunteered to be emcee for the event.

ii. Task List: a task list was provided in the agenda packet for review. Each member volunteered for a task. Set up will be March 10<sup>th</sup> around 2pm to provide ample time for set up. The items needed/considered: food, wine, numbered tickets, PA system, microphones, print out flyers on the Art Festival to hand out, tables/way to hang artwork, self-sticking name tags, etc. A basket for the last person that gets called was brought into discussion. Ideas to put in basket are gift cards, wine, anything relating to the theme of “heist”.

iii. Other: Temporary Liquor permit was achieved. It is approved for wine only. Jaime will tag Taylor Brooke on the Arts Council FB website, thanking them for donation of bottles of wine. Any leftover art pieces can be raffled at the festival.

## II. Arts and Crafts Festival 2024

i. Sponsorships: Saw- Mill Pottery \$ 500; Byrnes Agency \$ 500; bank Hometown \$ 1,500 and Weise, Hale \$ 250.

ii. Festival Marketing Budget\* Laura and Beth to work on budget and present at the March meeting. A question arose regarding signage, Director Chinatti to research and report back.

iii. Subcommittee Updates:

a. Marketing: Member Johnston asked about the deadlines for Bean Soup, the quarterly publication subscription. Jackie to email the answer. Beth inquired about the screen in the downstairs hallway of Complex, Jackie shared the Librarian would need a thumb drive with information to share on screen.

b. Call: There are 36 artists signed up to date. Laura, to reach out to Villager Newspaper, suggests a story be written on the festival, encouraging the call.

c. Music: Julie has the following musicians lined up: Mike Silvia, Neil Russell, Leo Tremblay, Betsy Lestenfelt, Kayla Farnem and Julie and David Reid.

d. Food/Drink: Jaimie. Jackie to email Jamie Vendor Application so she can pass along to Food Truck vendors.

III. Corridor Gallery

a) Laura Salo

a. Take Down March 27, 10 am

b. Raffle- October 2024, to benefit Day Kimball Hospital Oncology Dept.

b) April – June Janet McDonald

a. Reception request Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Laura, Julie, Annie, available for reception.

c) July-September Five Senses of a Women (Kathy Guertin, Lisa Andrews, Carolyn Nadue, Karen Reid and Laura Moorehead)

d) October – December Jonathan Fritz

6. Public Participation: None

7. Adjournment\* There being no further items for discussion to come before the meeting, motion by Member Johnston, seconded by Member Soroka to adjourn, motion passed. The meeting ended at 7:04 p.m.

\*Vote Required

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