

## Exeter Arts Committee: Meeting Notes (February 24, 2011)

Meeting called to order by Jane and Bev at 6:35pm.

### Attendance:

Committee – Bobby, Jane, Karen, Kathy, Francesca

Guests – Jean Marie Mancuso (spelling?)

### Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Karen, Seconded by Francesca to approve the minutes of the January meeting. All in favor.

### Youth Art Month Update:

- Jane said that the large outside sign has been reserved from March 6th to March 20th.
- Art tags have been distributed to all of the schools including the high school, middle school, all of the elementary schools and other institutions such as ECCA and the Main Street studio in Newfields.
- Bev reported that Ann Schieber was helping and is also available to gallery sit during the day for the school visits
- Dean has agreed to lead the hanging committee and they are looking for help on March 23rd from 2pm-6pm
- Bev reported that they are reaching out to dance groups to perform at the opening reception. They have reached out to Musical Arts and will try Adagio as well.
- They will just be making food for the opening reception and purchase some stuff, they will not have it catered.

### Calendar Updates

- Francesca and Kathy showed off the Exeter's Got Talent promotional buttons. Everyone thought they were great and wanted more.
- The committee also reviewed the postcards that have been designed and printed for the event.
- NHSPA has requested dates for 2012. They ideally would like January 7th through February 12th (this is a week longer than this year's show)
- Francesca stated that they would also like dates again next year for the Open Studio Show and they ideally would like February 11th to February 19th
- Jane is working on the poster for the Our Town show and Francesca has developed and is distributing the call to artists
- The Splash show for July has been cancelled so the gallery space is available
- Barbara has passed on chairing the "The Vision and The Word" show. Bobby will take the lead. The dates are September 17th to October 2nd. He stated that he was willing to chair the show but would be away for the closing weekend at a conference in Las Vegas. Karen agreed to help out on October 1st and 2nd to make sure the closing goes well. The poet/artist collaboration event is tentatively scheduled for June 23rd at 6:30pm and Bobby will work on the plan for that.

### Other Business

- Francesca pointed out that the coat rack is in place in the gallery and it costs the committee \$10
- Bobby offered to donate an upright Kimball piano for the gallery. He isn't looking for any money for the piano and will let the committee know if there are any costs associated with moving it into place. The piano is in great shape but will need some internal maintenance and tuning. Karen and Jean Marie recommended Ray DeMarco as someone that could work on the piano and he might also be interested in performing at future receptions in the gallery. He is a great jazz pianist out of southern Maine that performs at the Press Room in Portsmouth.
- Francesca reported that she has spoken with Kevin Smart (Town Maintenance) and someone will be in once a week to check on the supplies in the bathroom at the gallery. He also showed her how to change the towels and toilet paper.
- There was some discussion as to what responsibilities that Town has in terms of cleaning the bathroom and gallery space. Bobby agreed to meet with Public Works to express the committee's concerns and ask for some assistance from the maintenance department. If nothing else hopefully a meeting will formalize the roles and responsibilities of the Town and the Committee when it comes to the space.
- There was some discussion over the cleaning of the gallery floor. Jane asked if we could purchase a large industrial dust mop/broom for the floor. It needs to be cleaned and vacuumed more regularly but that comes with a cost. There was consensus that we could clean it 3 or 4 times a year at the committee's expense. Bobby, Jane and Francesca will all look into possible people we could hire to clean the gallery.
- The committee agreed it would have a cleaning day on Saturday June 4th at 10:00AM

### Charity Show

- Francesca gave an update on the Silent Auction for Charity. The three charities are 1)Seacoast Family Practice, 2)Rockingham VNA Hospice, 3)Court Appointed Special Advocates
- The show is Saturday, November 5th from 2pm-7pm

- There will be ten or twelve different artists representing different media (sculpture, glass, woodworking, metal working, watercolor, jewelry, photography, etc). Each artist can submit ten to twenty pieces. Attendees can bid on each piece of art and the purchase price will be split 50/50 between the artist and the charity. The buyer can decide which charity or it will be split 3-ways.
- The charities are all excited to be a part of the event and will each set up a table on the day of the show to have information about their services.

Bobby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathy. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm