

Exeter Arts Committee Minutes
May 26, 2011
Town Hall Gallery

The meeting of the Exeter Arts Committee was called to order this 26th day of May in the year 2011 at the Exeter Town Hall Gallery at 6:30pm.

Present: Karen Noonan, Karen Desrosiers, Gillian Fournier, Jane Kiernan, Kathy Lewis Thompson, Francesca Fay, Bev Tabet; guest Jeannemarie Mancuso

1. Minutes of the April meeting (on May 5) were accepted and approved as written. (minor change: no 'rain date' for Modern drop-off)
2. **Final Report on "Our Town"**
 - Francesca presented a printed report. (see attached)
 - In retrospect, we think some artists felt limited by the specific topic of "Exeter" although there MUST have been a lot more art out there that we did not tap.
 - In conversation, Gillian informed us that Sarah, the director of the Lamont Gallery at PEA would most likely be very happy to help us out by posting our advertisements and postings. It would definitely be to our benefit to have more contact with PEA!
 - Francesca mentioned "Exeter's Got Talent" briefly, but tabled the final report/discussion until the next EAC meeting, AFTER the final EGT committee meeting next Tuesday, June 7.
 - Lottery Day is next Saturday, June 4. Karen D. has obtained permission from the Selectmen to occupy the Town Offices for that purpose.
 - Gallery Clean-up is scheduled for after Lottery Day. Pizza is included! The Lottery Day volunteers agreed to carry the dirty ball to the finish line.
3. "Americans for the Arts" survey. The EAC's email address received a request to fill out a fiscal survey. Karen D. perused the survey and ascertained that it probably does not pertain to the EAC, as several of the questions were about operational budgets. Not us!
4. **"Modern and Abstract":**
 - Gillian shared the postcards that had been purchased from Vistaprint: 500 for \$41.98
 - The 20 artists are all set, informed and prepared to pay the \$10 entry fee.
 - One of the artists has had to withdraw because of a family illness and one of the other artists has suggested that the participants donate 10% of their sales to help out the woman who had to withdraw.
 - Jane offered to purchase food and wine for the opening reception on June 11. The reception is from 5-8. Gillian has also asked participants to bring some food.
5. **"Silent Auction for Charity"**
 - Saturday, November 5. Viewing and bidding start at 2, auction is later.
 - Francesca wanted approval to spend \$100 on music for the event and the committee approved it.
6. Jane has hired Pam Ross to **clean the Gallery floor** on June 9. Pam charges \$30 an hour and will do a hands-and-knees scrubbing of the floor and, hopefully it will look good enough that we can maintain it with 3 or 4 cleanings a year.

7. Francesca asked if anyone wanted to be on a sub-committee to investigate options for replacing the **gallery's art panels**. Karen D., Kathy, Jane and Francesca will make up the committee. They will go to Exeter High School on June 2 at 10:00 to look at the panels they are using.
 - We also discussed the possibility of having a carpenter look at the current panels to see if they could be modified for more stability.
8. Jane noted that Bobby Aldrich had emailed her that he wants to have the **“Collaborator's meet-and-greet”** in July instead of before the June EAC monthly meeting. That means that our June meeting will be at 6:30, as is usually scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Noonan
Jane Kiernan