Exeter Arts Committee January 2012 Minutes January 26, 2012

The meeting of the Exeter Arts Committee was called to order this 26th day of January in the year 2012 at the Exeter Town Hall Gallery at 6:30pm.

<u>Present</u>: Kathy, Karen S., Karen N., Jane, Francesca <u>Guests</u>: Bob R.,

- <u>December Minutes</u> were read and approved as written (with spelling correction)
- Holiday Show Wrap-up: Karen observed that it seemed quieter this year and that patron donations were 'off'. Expenses were up a tad bit, but the EAC made \$160. In general, fewer patrons purchased art; even card sales were flat.
- <u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Karen D. There was an problem with lack of writeable checks in the Town Offices and some bills were paid out of the 'wrong' account, so our current balance is a bit low! (to say the least). Doreen and Don Braebant are addressing the issue and rectifying the EAC's funds. Several artists are still awaiting payment from the November Auction. Karen is working directly with the town to take care of the problem.
- <u>YEAR-END REPORT</u>: The EAC has spent its \$3000 allotment from the Town, although there is movement between accounts that should place some funds back in the Town account so that we can hopefully pay Exeter Decorating for installation of the carpet into the new panels. Our annual report is due to the Town in January. Jane will email a copy of last year's report to Kathy for update.
- **<u>BUDS & BLOOMS</u>**: Kathy and Francesca have this well in-hand. Jane will contact Jenn Hogg to see if she will refresh the great poster that she did two years ago.
- <u>YAM</u>: Dean Scott will help with the hanging and return of art to the schools. New Velcro is needed to this show. It is probably easiest to ask Dean if he will order it since he knows where to get it at the best price. Jane reported that she has heard from many schools and that teachers are eager to participate again. PEA did not participate last year, but Jane will contact Becky and Sarah at the school to see if they could be encouraged. Jane will send out sitting schedule for this show via email.
- <u>Increasing membership</u>: We would like to have more visitors and more potential members! It was suggested that the EAC could send out follow-up letters to visitors to let them know that their attendance was appreciated.
- <u>**Display Panels**</u>: the decision is to go ahead with the molding around the inside of the panels to keep the carpet from curling. We also decided not to put casters on them; they should be stable enough when four panels are put together,
- Lottery Day: is Feb. 11 at 10:00am. Karen will make sure with Sheri that the time is OK.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Noonan, Scribe

EAC: Current Voting Members:

Kathy Lewis-Thompson, Chair; Jane Kiernan, Vice Chair; Karen Desrosiers, Treasurer; Karen Noonan, Scribe; Francesca Fay, SOS Rep ©; Is Bob Richardson 'approved' yet?