

**Exeter Arts Committee
Meeting Minutes for 12/19/2016**

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Meeting Called to Order: 6.05pm

In Attendance: Kathy Lewis Thompson (Chair), Karen Noonan (Scribe), Karen Desrosiers (Treasurer), Scott Ruffner, Sharon Marston

Absent: Marissa Vitolo, Dan Chartrand

Guests: Bruce Jones, Irene Hall

Item #	Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
1.	Called to order	6:05pm	
2.	Guests	Bruce Jones and Irene Hall Both are interested in becoming members	
3.	Minutes Approval	October Minutes – including changes requested by Scott, Marissa, and Sharon November Minutes	Accepted as written – no nays Accepted as written – no nays
4.	Holiday Show Wrap-Up (Karen D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 artists, 12 were new • Lots of traffic into gallery • Musician Mike Rogers on Friday was great and well received • Selectmen were invited to attend and most did • Successful show • A little over \$2500 of art sold for artists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps send personal invites for future shows and ask artists to do so as well
5.	Prescott Park Arts Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many patrons of show also came up to the gallery for the art show • Great energy in building • Many patrons of play came up to 2nd floor bathroom instead of going to basement bathrooms 	
6.	Back Room Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Richardson – Jan 14 9-4, Jan 15 12-4, Feb 11 through Apr 11 every Sat in mornings • Martha Niver requested use of backroom but there was a date conflict • Seacoast Photography Group will continue meeting in backroom on the 3rd Thur. of each month. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon is on top of it and getting new calendar • All voted to allow Bob R's use of backroom • Sharon will notify him

7.	2017 Plans	<p><u>25 Below in Feb.</u> Discussed maybe doing a short running show or maybe one day event. Snow/weather is always an issue in Feb. The Wrong Brain group might be a resource. Could invite student artists from charter schools, high schools, UNH, etc Artists would probably need to stay the day and ten their own work.</p> <p><u>YAM in Mar.</u> Marissa is in touch with Jane and Deb Wheeler-Bean on this.</p> <p><u>EAC Involvement in TEAM Arts Festival in May</u> TEAM wants to get all arts groups to participate; will have music and activities around town EAC might consider sponsoring an event or section, eg “EAC Village” with artists or plein air painting</p> <p><u>Chamber Arts Festival 2017</u> Chamber is inviting EAC to participate in this in Sept. More information is needed Sharon asked if other members could come to the meeting. Karen said they didn’t know as it’s Todd’s meeting, but she could check if wanted. Scott raised the issue of the Chamber and PPAF raising money in Exeter for Portsmouth arts programming. Discussed the need for financial benefit for EAC if the committee participates.</p>	<p>If this is going to happen, work on this needs to begin soon. Scott, Marissa, and Sharon will work on this and figure out logistics.</p> <p>EAC is interested in helping/participating. More detail needed to be able to vote on participation.</p> <p>Kathy LT and Karen D will meet with Todd Deluca in Jan to learn more details</p> <p>Todd should come to an EAC meeting so he has a good sense of what EAC is and so the committee can ask questions</p> <p>Karen and Kathy stressed no commitments will be made, it will be information finding, and they will report back to the committee for a vote</p>
8.	Budge for 2017 (Karen D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No increase for 2017 • Karen spoke with finance department, may be able to request an increase for 2018 • Discussed budget items for 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possibly more square card tables ○ Changing to LED bulbs ○ What other needs? • Can we seek out sponsorships and donations? • Is Chamber a source to help with this? 	<p>Members should think about what we want/need for the gallery and activities for next year and send budget ideas to Karen so she can develop the 2017 budget for the Jan. meeting.</p>

9.	Building Issues	<p><u>LED lights</u> Would allow us to add more canisters Would be brighter than standard bulbs Karen D spoke with electrician on this Do we need/could we get another track of lights for center of the room</p> <p>Talked about “sponsor a bulb” campaign. Scott suggested maybe inviting all artists and organizations to a reception and ask for donations for LED bulbs.</p> <p><u>Construction</u> Kevin Smart indicated that the building will be worked on in 2017 (no timeframe known at this point) Stairway in back room will be rebuilt to code as a fire exit, which will reposition it closer to the Water Street side of the building Fire escape will be removed and fire escape door will be replaced with a window.</p>	<p>All in favor, none opposed</p> <p>Possible “bright ideas” reception will be considered</p> <p>EAC needs to know dates of work when possible as this will impact shows and use of backroom</p>
10.	Meeting Dates	<p>Jan meeting tentatively set for Mon. Jan 23 at 6:30 If this doesn’t work, we will change the date</p> <p>Discussion of on-going schedule (re. which day of each month) was tabled for Jan meeting</p>	<p>Determine if this conflicts with the BOS meeting</p>
11.	Special Meeting	<p>A special meeting to discuss bylaws/policies/procedures is schedule for Tue Jan 10th at 6:30 in the gallery Don Clement will attend as well</p>	

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Karen Noonan, scribe
Kathy Lewis Thompson, chair
Karen Desrosiers, Treasurer