

**Exeter Arts Committee
Meeting Minutes for 3//20/17
Meeting Called to Order: 640p
Meeting Adjourned: 800pm**

In Attendance: Marissa Vitolo, Sharon Marston, Scott Ruffner, Karen Desrosiers, Karen Noonan, Kathy Lewis-Thompson

Absent:

Guests: Don Clement

Item	Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
1.	Approve February Minutes	Item #11 and 13: include nay votes on officer elections/bylaw officer term addition Item #13 Question if Marissa wrote minutes correctly because a motion to revisit bylaw changes (term-limits) was not on current agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Motion to be reopened at March meeting” – remove or keep on February Minutes 	Approved with changes Agreed to keep the statement in February Minutes
2.	Transcriptionist	\$14/hour with minimum 2 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually could add up to \$500. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee does not have this in budget ○ Could possibly ask Selec tboard for additional money to cover this in 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don Clement stated that he could try and get us money earlier by having the Selectmen add this to as a line item • Some software available but Committee agreed that this may be a last resort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Issues with software’s capabilities to record correctly 	Don Clement to assist in this
3.	Payment in Regards to Musicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Treasurer would prefer an invoice 2 weeks ahead of event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Name and contact info ○ KD to deliver check on day of event • W9s to musicians if they get paid \$600 or more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Musician also goes on vendor list ○ How does this effect a band with multiple members? – this procedure complicates payments to each person 	For May-Sept 2017 First Fridays, Scott will get new info to bands
4.	Show Updates	25 Below (Scott, Marissa, Sharon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artists reported sales • Guests stated that they would like more events like this • Article written about this in the paper Youth Art Month (Marissa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great opening weekend • Following weekends very busy with guests • School Tours – issue with scheduling them when EAC members have jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For 2018 – create schedule ahead of time for teachers to fill in • 3/25/17 (Pine Street Players Les Mis show) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott to sit from 630p-9p Spring Show (Kathy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NH Fiddlers Seacoast Photographers (Tony in communication with Marissa and Karen D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/5 opening in combo with First Friday • Tony to email MV and KD final dates for hanging 	

		<p>SOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nancy Reiss has asked for help with poster Abstracts and Oddities (Marissa/Sharon) Similar set-up as last year 	
5.	Chamber Art Auction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Todd Deluca stated that Chamber members and art patrons will be invited He also stated that there would be a possible catalog/brochure printed with the art to be passed out that night Auction Participation Survey sent to community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35 responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 said yes to donating art 1 said maybe 2 said no to donating 17 said they would donate art \$150 or less 2 would donate art over \$300 Average commission expected – 25%-50% paid back to artist Comments from survey takers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expect good advertising for event Expect the event to be well-organized Artists want to know exactly what cause they are donating too and where the money will be used EAC still has questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it worthwhile will all the work it will take to make this happen? Don Clement believes that if Chamber wants an auction, they should do it on their own, especially for the first one. If this fails, could this reflect badly on EAC? Vote taken on participation 	<p>Voted not to participate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD abstained since she will be absent on the date of the auction All other members voted nay
6.	EAC Meeting Night Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change from Monday due to Selectman’s meetings Vote to move meeting night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Wednesdays of the month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unanimous vote to approve new meeting date MV to make change to website
7.	LED Bulbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What kind and how many would we need to purchase? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Clement says to contact electrician for help with bulb conversion Why does EAC have to do this for the town? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAC paid for original set-up How do we pay for these bulbs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Buy a Bulb” campaign Floor Lamps are also an issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hope to be able to create a 3rd track of lights to solve side-lighting issues 	<p>KLT to contact Kevin Smart and electrician for help.</p>
8.	Cleaning of Gallery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tim is scheduled to clean before Spring Show 	
9.	Gallery Use for Wedding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/7/2017 5-630p 50-60 ppl Vote taken 	<p>Unanimous yay vote</p> <p>Karen N to get application to Sharon</p>
10.	Website	<p>Any events posted that are not EAC’s need to be posted clearly so visitors are not confused</p>	

11.	Additional Business	<p>Revisiting the bylaw changes – term limits added to officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don Clement was asked for advice and was given explanations of past issues with term limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Voting 3 to 3 in regards to the changes ○ Discussed grandfather clause that was presented by KD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changes to term limits will not circumvent any previous results for voted-in officers ○ Do other boards, like the Selectmen, have term limits? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don Clement said that this is ambiguous b/c some are dictated by RSAs, some are dictated by towns, etc... ○ Don Clement asked EAC what processes/policies we have in place for electing officials and their term limits? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don Clement read over our bylaws ▪ Don Clement stated that our policies in this regard are too vague. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define process for elections, when elections take place, term limit explanation ○ Don Clement stated that most committees start over in May due to town elections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggested we pick a time around May/June to have our elections/terms start ▪ Even-number members amount will always cause problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Selectboard will be changing in April so we will get a new representative ○ Russ Dean and Don Clement stated we will now be getting new members ▪ Question asked about starting over when we finally have a full committee – still unsure until corrected policies are in place. ▪ Question arose over whether KLT was truly voted into office or just volunteered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is Sharon our acting chair? ○ This has come up before so it was suggested that past minutes be looked over ○ 4/28/11 reflects an officer change but a true vote was not documented ○ Heated discussion ensued with members disagreeing over outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don Clement stepped in and repeated that we revisit our policies over elections/voting 	<p>Motion made to revisit bylaws in regards to elections/term-limits in April</p> <p>EAC members to come up with changes to elections/term limits and present at next meeting for discussion and possible vote</p>
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