

**Exeter Arts Committee
Meeting Minutes for 05/24/17**

Approved

Meeting Called to Order: 635pm

In Attendance: Kathy Lewis Thompson, Karen Desrosiers, Karen Noonan, Anne Surman

Absent:

Guests: Darius Thompson, Tom Seidenberg, Sharon Marston, Marissa Vitolo, Ellie Willis

Item #	Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
1.	April Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #5 typo, “hen” should be “then” • #7 under Actions, “Scott said he would talk to SOS re. music” was never discussed in the meeting • #8 “membership help” Karen D said it would be good for members to come to “more” receptions, not “all”, as agreed in the bylaws • #11 5 c, should be “chap book” not “chat book” 	Minutes approved with changes
2.	Update on lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained for new members • Bulbs will be replaced with LEDs, then can expand with more tracks • May cost about \$1000 total to re-do • Have raised almost \$100 so far 	
3.	Shows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOS show all set to go <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hanging 5/31, opening 6/2 • Seacoast Photographer Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Went well ○ Sold 3 or 4 photos, so they were happy ○ Was an issue with music 	
4.	Show Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Marston asked, on behalf of TEAM about them managing the fall shows • TEAM asked about the possibility of future shows and use of gallery by TEAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen D explained current schedule ○ EAC always has 6 shows per year, and there are 3 other shows currently scheduled in 2017 ○ Jan and Feb are already 	<p>Karen D reiterated that the Sep. and Oct. shows are EAC shows and will remain EAC</p> <p>If TEAM wants to use the gallery they must apply like everyone else.</p> <p>Applications can be done no more than a year and a day in advance in accordance with town policies.</p>

		<p>scheduled in 2018 by other groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last week of June, July, and Aug. are open ○ Ellie W. asked about procedures and when space can be requested 	
5.	Strategizing for new members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There should be diversity in membership, ie. All members should not be from the same other organization or group ● At June meeting, focus on orientation of new members to help ensure smooth working of committee ● Proposed meeting during the summer to build cohesive committee ● Resurrect an email newsletter for EAC, maybe monthly or quarterly ● Maybe do a press release closer to fall to inform the community of the beginning of the new EAC ● Consider an open house community member to introduce the new EAC members 	<p>Have new members sign a form saying they have read and understand the bylaws</p> <p>Find alternative locations to meet in July and Aug as gallery is too hot</p>
6	Key Issue	If someone has a key to the first floor they can get into the gallery. This is a concern.	
7	First Friday Music on the Bandstand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The EAC committed to paying/sponsoring these events and has paid for May and June ● Have not received any invoices for the bands for July, Aug., and Sept. to date ● EAC should consider if we want to do this going forward 	
8	Performance Poetry Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Karen D is in contact with “Slam Free or Die”, the NH slam poetry team ● Karen D is still researching the possibility of this idea for late Oct or early Nov ● Discussed reserving main floor of Town Hall in case we need it 	Karen D. will follow up on this
9	Barbershop Quartet	Darius brought up having a barbershop quartet and it was agreed this might be fun for a reception.	
10	Youth Art Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Karen D touched base with some of the SAU16 art teachers. ● There were a number of concerns with organization of YAM this year, which they don’t want to repeat ● Teachers suggested an earlier notification/reminder of the show, 	Karen D addressed these concerns directly with teachers

		perhaps in September, so they can put work aside at the beginning of the year	
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Meeting Adjourned: 735pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Karen Noonan and Karen Desrosiers