

**Exeter Arts Committee
Meeting Minutes for 6/21/17**

FINAL

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35pm

In Attendance: Kathy Lewis Thompson, Karen Noonan, Karen Desrosiers, Darius Thompson, Irene Hall

Absent: Anne Surman, John Moynihan

Guests: Erik Sinclair

Item #	Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
1.	Minutes	May 2017	Accepted as written
2.	Summer Meetings	Agreed to meet in July and August to work on shows and schedule	Kathy LT will book a room at the library
3.	Additional Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have 2 open spots still • Introduction – Erik Sinclair, who may be interested • Discussed application forms and process 	
4.	SOS June Show	SOS members pleased with how it turned out and have requested to have the show again in June 2018.	
5.	First Friday Music on Bandstand	We do have the invoice for the July musician, which will go forward. Do not yet have the invoices for August and September.	
6.	Upcoming Shows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen D created a check-list/planner for organizing shows • Discussed full committee working on remaining shows for this year rather than designated “chairs” for the shows. • Reviewed a general “call to artist” • Discussed about 400 artist participants on mailing list • September will be <i>Abstracts & Oddities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drop off Wed Aug 30 3-6 ○ Rec. Fri. 9/1 5-7 ○ Open 9/2-9/24 (Sat and Sun) ○ Pick-up 9/24 2-4pm • Discussed a new name for October show • Nov. show is SAA – they do everything for this show • December is Holiday Show 	Voted to change name of October show to <i>Transitions</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very busy show, all hands on deck ○ Question regarding PPAF A <i>Christmas Carol</i>, if they'll want back room for rehearsals or want to have VIP reception in gallery ○ Discussed reaching out proactively 	Karen D will follow up on this
7.	Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We do have some donations but still haven't pursued this too much ● The fiddle ensemble had previously offered to help the EAC ● Will discuss further in July 	Kathy LT agreed to follow up with the fiddlers
8.	New Member Orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Irene asked if she could call into a meeting if she's away and there's a vote. Group decided this was okay. ● Discussed Lottery Day – 3 times per year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hopefully someone will take responsibility for this ● Lotter Day for September – Karen D. proposed changing the date from Sept 9 to Sept 2, as she'll be out of town on the 9th ● Discussed back room use by artists and SOS ● Discussed EAC finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have a budget of \$3000 from town ○ No direct access to the funds ○ If members purchase something, must keep receipts and submit them to treasurer, who will submit requisition for reimbursement to the town finance department ○ Do have a separate, secondary, account used primarily for big items like gallery improvements and First Friday music ● Discussed annual shows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EAC sponsors 6 shows per year ○ Gallery is available to community for up to 6 shows 	<p>Darius offered to update the hanging map for the offices</p> <p>All voted in favor of this change</p>
9.	Increase EAC Budge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On average, the EAC spends about \$6000 per year 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAC makes up the difference between budget and what we spend • Separate account is almost depleted at this point, so bigger projects or events must be reconsidered • Propose requesting a budget increase from the town. • Karen D. spoke with Finance Director last year, who recommended we ask for an additional \$1500 • Karen D suggested working on a proposal, which should be submitted by the end of August. 	Motion was approved Karen D. will have a draft ready for the next meeting
10.	For July Meeting	Irene suggested we add to the agenda to discuss EAC outreach to the community and ways to show our value	Kathy LT will add to the agenda
11.	Next Meeting	July 19, 6:30pm, at the library	

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Karen Noonan and Karen Desrosiers