Exeter Arts Committee January 22, 2015

The meeting of the Exeter Arts Committee was called to order 6:30 on this 22th day of January 2015 in the Old Town Hall Gallery.

Present: Kathy, Jane, Karen, Karen, Francesca, Scott Absent: Marissa, Dan

| Topic | Discussion | Action |
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| November '14 minutes | Approval | Accepted |
| Mary Jane Solomon/SAA | SAA needs a new home, which might leave them stranded for a place to have classes. They want to use our back room when appropriate. (Not when there is a reception or other show.) Francesca offered her reserved time in July for an SAA show. There are also other times available if they want to put on their own show. | SAA has used our space before and already has the insurance issue covered. Mary Jane will talk with 'her people' and get back to us. |
| Publicity/ email sharing | The EAC (as a town-sponsored, volunteer group) may NOT publicize other art groups' shows, classes. We cannot share our email list with any other groups | |
| TEAM | Scott Ruffner founded a local group named TEAM (Town of Exeter Arts & Music) whose purpose is to promote the art/music 'scene' in Exeter. | TEAM can be a good partner for the EAC. Mary Jane mentioned "Meet Up"; one can join specific art groups. |
| Holiday Show | See attached Financial report. Great show, with more guests since 2009. In general, it seems that people do not understand that the EAC is a VOLUNTEER group, not paid employees and they expect 'paid employee' attention. | Scott thinks this can be addressed through publicity. Any ideas are welcome. |
| Treasurer's Report | We have used all of our budget until (hopefully) we get our annual allowance from the Town. We are getting more personal checks from artists, which leaves us with less cash on hand. We still have \$900 in petty cash. We need to explore good uses of the money so that we don't look like we don't need it. | All in favor of purchasing a better sound system. All in favor of more frequent cleaning. Scott suggested using some of the funds to hire more LOCAL talent, perhaps even sponsoring shows on Swasey Parkway, in cooperation, perhaps with Town Parks & Rec. They tend to use expensive, out-of-town entertainment, when there is plenty here in Exeter. |

| Pontine- February 14 | Scott & Marissa will do publicity for this. Paper, posters, social media. Karen N. organized this and will need help with logistics. | The NHHC needs prove of publicity. |
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| February Show "Use It, Hear It" | Francesca is chair of this show. Scott will provide music as well as poets and musical artists. | After discussion, it was decided that we would ask ONLY for a \$10 donation from the artists and not request food or gallery-sitting. Drop-off: Tues., Feb. 3, 3:30-6:30. (Francesca, Scott, Karen D. Food: Kathy) |
| Youth Art Month | Emails have been sent to teachers. This show sort of self-perpetuates. Thank God. | Scott will provide music. Scott has some 'fresh' ideas. |
| Toy Fountain Request for use of space | If Exeter Fine Crafts decides they want to use our space, they simply need to fill out the forms, including proof of insurance. | They may be better suited to the downstairs space. Kathy will convey this to Toy. |
| Ebberson's art supplies | They are cutting back on their endeavors and want to find a needy place to donate art supplies | Francesca and Marissa are dealing with this. |
| Postcards | \$1 each/ 100 were printed and are in the back room. | |

Respectfully submitted, Karen Noonan, Scribe Jane Kiernan, Typist (is there such a thing as a 'typist' anymore?)