

Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts

Minutes 1/4/2023

Call to Order - 7:05

Pledge to the Flag

Attendance/Introductions - George Long, Ann Menkins, Emily Bartell, Katie Tiedemann, Ben Baskin, Cathy Hackert, kate van buren

Approval of the 12/7/22 minutes - approved as is.

Old Business

Action item review - under separate cover

Planter Art - all 4 COA planters are in storage (2 to BACC; 2 to Arts Committee storage; scheduled to be clear coated over winter)

Banners (2023) - Awaiting SA grant approval. If approved, will survey artists from our directory (including the Brookside artisan market and recent SA grant applicants).

Sounds of Summer (2023) - Awaiting SA grant approval.

Website/Social Media - Tabled for future update

New Business

COA Vision for 2023

Projects can come to the COA via application from 12020 artisans/crafters. As well, the COA will draft a schedule of desired projects and then proactively seek participants to implement them. In 2023 this may include:

- Front Street construction (March - May, 2023) - in collaboration with the BSBPA
- Library collaborations: Lending Library, Art/Craft Classes

Also discussed were a tribute to Lorena Ecobelli, and the Pool building mural. There was discussion about using a different media (than mural) on the Wiswall wall. To be assessed at a later date.

It was decided that the 1st Wednesday of each month will be a “business meeting” format and run from 7-8pm. The 3rd Wednesday of each month will be a “creative meeting” format

and run from 7-9pm. Both meetings will be public; agendas and minutes can be found on the Village Website.

The next meeting (1/18) will be a “Creative meeting” format to generate a list of projects for consideration on our 2023 slate AND budget.

Project assessment

All projects, generated internally or brought to the COA will be assessed using a standard evaluation rubric. The committee reviewed a few existing examples and will finalize the evaluation rubric by our February meeting.

2023 SA funding update - grant approvals to be announced in March.

Budget review - no updates to current budget; 2023-2024 budget proposals are due to the Village in March. This budget draft will contain projects identified in the 1/18 Creative meeting. One option discussed for budgeting is to consider a “match” (artists to fund ½; Village to fund ½ of the project), as done by Sounds of Summer in the past.

Chair’s report - the COA reviewed the updated Project Application. This document will undergo further updates to become 2 forms: one to describe the project and one to discuss budget and Village resource requirements.

Public Comment - throughout; no additional.

Reminders:

2023 schedule of public meetings for the Committee of the Arts:

January 4, 18

February 1, 15

March 1, 15

April 5, 19

May 3, 17

June 7, 21

July 5, 19

August 2, 16

September 6, 20

October 4, 18

November 1, 15
December 6, 20

Next Meeting

Next meeting – January 18th
7 pm
@ Library Community Room

Adjourn 8:27

Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts - Mission

To foster and advance artistic and creative efforts in the Village's public spaces in order to enrich and enhance the quality of life in our community.