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East Haven Arts Commission Minutes

July 12, 2022

Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Chairperson Cindy Genzano

Commissioner Sharon Collins

Commissioner Kari Collins

Commissioner Debra Giordano

Commissioner Robert Genzano

Community Members: Travis Giordano

Michael Moore

Absent Member Commissioner Kristin Cenevia Iovene

Chairperson Cindy Genzano called the zoom meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. Roll call was done and a quorum was present.

Item #2: Minutes Of Last Meeting

Commissioner Sharon Collins made a motion to accept the previous minutes; it was 2nd by Commissioner Robert Genzano. All in favor.

Item #3: Stipend Funds Update

Chairperson Cindy Genzano contacted Josh Balter to inquire on how to get our funds from Town Council; she was then directed to contact Joe Deko. She was instructed by Joe to email him to officially request our funds and in order to procure them we will need to have a zoom meeting with Joe to talk about what we plan to use the funds for. Once this is completed we will get a check that we can deposit into our account, we are unsure of the amount we are getting at this point.

Item #4: Keyboard Allocation

We need to vote on if we want to allocate funds to purchase a new keyboard for Jason to use at rehearsals and performances. It will cost roughly \$600.00-\$700.00. Commissioner Robert Genzano made a motion to allocate \$700.00 to purchase a keyboard/stand/bench for rehearsal and performance purposes, It was 2nd by Commissioner Kari Collins. All in favor.

Item #5: Lighting Allocation

We are looking into acquiring some lighting equipment that we use during our productions. We talked with Richard Genzano who explained that they are LED lights; he also said we could use them as revenue because we could rent them out. He is offering to get us more information so we agreed to table this until our next meeting.

Item #6: Pro-Bono Attorney Update

Commissioner Robert Genzano explained that we are just waiting for an attorney to be assigned to us and they will also be working on the by-laws for us.

Item #7: Visual Arts

We need to do a visual arts project according to requirements from our grant and town funding. We invited Michael Moore to attend and give us some ideas. He suggested that we do an art exhibit on the town green during the upcoming Fall Festival. We decided it would make sense to form a sub-committee to help facilitate this project. We will have 12 panels where we can display arts from people on a lattice board. We will put out a call to get people to provide the artwork from social media and also the Shoreline Arts Council. Commissioner Robert Genzano will contact the town about the space we need. Michael will do a mock-up of the information for the exhibit and then we will post it on social media.

Commissioner Robert Genzano made a motion to form a Visual Arts Sub-committee; it was 2nd by Commissioner Sharon Collins. All in favor. Commissioner Robert Genzano made a motion to appoint Michael Moore as the Chairperson of the Visual Arts Sub-Committee; it was 2nd by Kari Collins. All in favor. Commissioner Robert Genzano made a motion to allocate \$1,000.00 to build our display boards; it was 2nd by Commissioner Kari Collins. All in favor. The first meeting of the sub-committee will be Monday July 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.

Item #8: Space Needs for EHAC

We need to raise awareness in town for our need of spaces in town so that we can hold auditions, rehearsals, scene shop, storage, etc. There should be a synergy between the Recreation and Youth Services Departments and EHAC. We are thinking of forming a subcommittee to address this issue and work around the restrictions we are currently dealing with. We need more information so we agreed to table this until next month.

Item #9: New Business

We will do a preview of Frozen Jr on July 29th at 2:00 p.m. at Hays.

Our next meeting will be August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kari Collins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.; it was 2nd by Commissioner Sharon Collins. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Debra Giordano