

Carrboro Arts Committee Minutes 8-8-16

Time: 6:00pm Location: Century Center Conference Room 1

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Members Present: Dan Mayer, Dan Cefalo, Art Menius, Rah Trost, Jacquelyn Gist, Mary Norkus

Members Absent: Jay Parker, Eva Weber, Christine Abernathy, Beven Ramsey, Will McInerney

Meeting Facilitator: Mary Norkus

Invitees: Gary Phillips new Poet Laureate

Guest attendee:

Agenda Items

- Approval June 2016 meeting minutes- Approved
- Meet Gary Phillips new Poet Laureate- The committee welcomed Gary Phillips to his new role as the Town of Carrboro's Poet Laureate. Gary will serve for two years as the new Poet Laureate. He is excited to begin his tenure and will be taking an active role in assisting with the planning of the WEP festival slated for October 14-15, 2016. He also read a poem he wrote to the committee.
- Poet Council update-handout. Notes from the last Poet Council meeting. Notes from 7/21 Meeting of the Carrboro Poets Council

(taken by Susan Spalt)

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 24 (FIRST CHOICE), AUGUST 23 (SECOND CHOICE), AUGUST 25 (THIRD CHOICE)

Present: Celisa, Susan, Gary, Gideon, Maura, Jay. Abigail was not able to attend.

We Welcomed Gary--three cheers for the new Carrboro poet laureate!

Celisa needs our bios and photos

Transition of meeting facilitation to Gary will continue over the next few months.

Volunteer for note-taking? Susan

Status of poets for the festival:

see the first sheet in the attached Excel file for details; basically we need figure out whether Jordan and Alexis are in for Friday night-Alexis can come! Jordan will contact Celisa shortly. NB: Flyleaf Poetry contest reading is the night before the festival

Festival budget:

Celisa has asked Rah what we've been allocated for 2016, but hasn't heard back yet; budget to be confirmed shortly.

*Reminder of the Town of Carrboro's requirements for spending funds. The short version is we need to count on 15 business days to get purchase requests approved--and that's before we can actually have anyone do the work, so we need to work to figure out how we'll spend the Town funds ASAP after learning what our allocation is. The longer version is in a forwarded message from Rah.

Susan will follow through with Amante and Open Eye

Celisa will ask for bids from previous vendors Printers etc, assuming similar expenditures as last year and try and get POs done early.

Need to figure out how to gather information about value of festival for Tourism council—so they continue to donate—previous attempts at surveys and evals were not successful in getting many responses.

Sponsors:

Weaver Street Realty and Logan A. Carter, realtor, are in for sponsoring again, at \$300 this time (vs. \$250 last year). Celisa e-mailed Tyler Johnson too, to see if he's in.

Question of additional donors—asking about who might want to contribute at least \$300 to make it into the program. Jay, Maura and Gary will ask donors; Celisa will provide sample language they can use in asking potential sponsors.

Friday Night Refreshment Note: Should add beer for Friday night

Publicity and Promotion—tasks

We have 3 vinyl signs and 3 designated spots. Jay asked about getting a more prominent spot near the Century Center—Celisa will check on this

Need to add Hillsborough to Poster Guys

Gary and Gideon will reach out to Native American groups

Celisa will reach out to Michael M. about how we can help publicize event on campus

Pursue All local calendars: Chapelboro, Carrboro.com, Indy, N & O

Town of Carrboro will do press release for festival, if we ask

Website Celisa will up date website

WCPE Susan will contact

Wacqueline Stern Show on 9/9 (arrive 5:55; will be videotaped so can be shown as TV show on People's Channel later that month). Gary will go. Anyone what to join him?

WCHL—Susan will contact Ron Stuffs

The State of Things—Celisa

Salt Susan

Raleigh Review—Gideon,*Guns and Gardens* no contact—Lee Smith --Jay will contact

Social Media—will continue FB, Posters on Buses, Video from Paul. Need to figure out how to gather information about publicity sources— show of hands at each session?

Festival Tasks Table exhibitors: Celisa needs to get form from Rah and then send that out to potential + interested sponsors (two people contacted via website). Need to invest in Physical timers for open mic. Michael McFee will have a critique based workshop. First 20 poems sent to him, he'll provide written comments will use subset of poems to organize workshop. Poems will be due by October 8th.

- Facilitation of/responsibility for various events at the festival -defer this to next meeting. >> Review schedule. FRIDAY

6:30-8:30: five poets reading, with mingling before and after

SATURDAY

12:00-1:15: critique workshop with Michael McFee (allows for a soft start for working poets)

1:30-2:45: Allison Hedge Coke reading/discussion

3:00-4:15: panel of six poets reading and discussing the theme of poetry and healing

4:30-5:45: open mic

6:00-6:59: casual reception (beer, wine, pizza)

7:00-8:30: Gary Phillips as new Carrboro poet laureate reads briefly; Michael McFee reads as grand finale to the festival

>> Friday night intros/emceeing: Gary?

>> Saturday workshop with Michael McFee: Celisa?

>> Saturday session with Allison Hedge Coke: Gideon?

>> Saturday panel on healing and poetry: ?

>> Saturday open mic: ?

>> Saturday night intros: Celisa?

- Art Apprenticeship update - Samantha Lane-handout- Samantha reported: “The summer has been going really well so far. For the first month and a half I was the assistant stage manager of a production at the ArtsCenter called 10 by 10. During the rehearsal process I would sit in on all of the group's rehearsal and would follow along in the script and feed the actors a line if they needed it. As we got closer to the show I spent multiple days helping to build and paint the set. I would also help the stage manager with any extra tasks that she needed help with such as taking note of which groups needed what props. During performances I ran the light board, preset props, and told actors how much longer until the performance began. When 10 by 10 had its last performance I participated in strike and helped disassemble the set and made sure that everything was cleaned up in the theatre. Currently I am helping out with a show being put on by One Song Productions. I have been in multiple of their productions and I have co-directed a play for them. I essentially supervise all of their rehearsals, answer any questions that they have about the space and try, and help work out any kinks with equipment. During performances I will help run the house, hand out playbills, and be of any extra help that I can.”

- Shimmer project?-Dan Cefalo mentioned there was a final evaluation of the project conducted last year after the event. Mary Norkus will locate a copy to share with the committee. Planning for this year's Shimmer event is headed up by Sarah Wolfe and Meg McGurk. They have submitted a funding request to CTDA for funds. They have also submitted a Special Events application to the Town of Carrboro. This application is currently under review. The date for this year's event has not yet been chosen.

- Update Arts Center-Dan Mayer. Summer camps are half way through the season. Camps have been running at approximately 95% capacity. The ArtsCenter hosted 16 students from Iraq for a day as part of a State Department program. There is a new program brochure that is a new venture for the A.C. It lists a full year of programs and offers a new purchase plan for events.

- Other business? Heidi Perov provided a written update on the Wheels of Carrboro art show the committee funded earlier in the year. “The opening reception for the Art of the Bike was very well attended. We had bike blender smoothies and a beautiful custom cake that was itself a "bike painting". The Wheels of Carrboro were on display at PERCH studios last month for the 2nd Friday Artwalk. We had about 60 people come by and we asked them to vote on their favorite wheel (we were going to do this at the 4th of July, but the weather was too wet) The winning wheel was created by TABLE, and they received a \$100 donation for their winning entry. We are now in the process of placing all of the wheels around town and hope to have that finished by the end of next week. Here is a link to the wheels:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8XOe0eGzv1UVGpuVDNfcVWVenM>

Because of the timing, we didn't get a lot of posters--13. However, we awarded the prizes to the winners, and their posters are on display at the Carrboro Library, and will remain until the end of the exhibit. The winners were:

First place: Elizabeth Kuhlman (\$100 Visa card)

Second place: Stella Moorman (\$50 Visa card)

Third place (notified): Anna Maiwald (\$25 Visa card)

Raffle winners: Cruz Gomez (notified), and Sara Moses (\$15 Visa card). We are going to postpone the inner tube jewelry class until early November--we think it will give some people gift ideas!hanks again for the support from the Arts Committee.Heidi

Meeting adjourned: 7:00