BOROUGH OF OAKLAND

ARTS IN OAKLAND COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - May 15, 2023 - 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Arts in Oakland Committee opened on Monday May 15, 2023 at 7:00pm at The Oakland Senior Center at 20 Lawlor Drive in Oakland New Jersey.

Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, duly announced, advertised, and posted in the municipal building.

Administrative

- Role Call - Andrea Levy, Alison Fleeson, Kevin Bagar, Tracy DiTolla, Shy Hopkins, Noel Gussen
  - Council Liaison - Eric Kulmala
  - Junior Members: Alexandra Mazur
- Absent Members: Natasha Hoen (excused), Judy Piretra (excused), April Masefield (excused), Amy Eilert (excused), Peter Marcalus (excused), Erica Nagel (excused), Vilma Mirkov
- Motion to excuse absent members: Tracy DiTolla Motion 2nd: Shy Hopkins

Open to the Public - Opened/Closed No public present

Minutes 4/17/23

- Motion to approve March minutes: Noel Gussen
  - Motion 2nd: Tracy DiTolla

Old Business

- Subcommittees
  - Murals - Natasha, Peter, Tracy
    - Mural Submissions
      - Deadline May 26th
      - A number of submissions received
      - Holding off on selecting a submission
  - Arts in Oakland Festival June 9-11
    - Judy - Bakers/Makers
      - Interest form has been sent to public
      - Five people/vendors have signed up
    - Art displays - Ali
      - Alison Fleeson plans to be in/out of library the week before for setup
    - Music - Andrea
      - Various bands confirmed
      - Local math-rock band
- Real Brave student band
- Oldies Band
- Jam Band

Food Trucks - Ali
- Cheesesteak truck confirmed, need contract signed
- Conrad’s waiting to confirm

Sound - Kevin
- Set up to begin on Friday
- Kevin to provide committee/DPW with layout of stage to be set up under the tent
- Kevin to arrive early Saturday morning to being setting up sound

Carnival - June 21-24 Arts Representation
- AIO Committee host a table
- Recruitment Flier
- Committee encouraged to think of more things to host at the booth
  - Face painting
  - Temporary Tattoos
  - Collaborative canvas painting
    - Foam Core 4X8 ~$30
    - Drop Cloth ~$10
    - Quick Stick Tempered Paints ~$20
    - Noel can provide easels
- Signage QR Code for upcoming events
  - Open Mic - June 29th
  - Poetry contest

Fundraising
- Discussion regarding ways to sell goods to raise money, local and state laws regarding restrictions
- Partnership with scouts, create an art badge
- Sell T-shirts

Poetry Contest
- Next contest submission deadline - September 15th
  - Ideas to garner further support
    - Schools
    - Senior Center

Open Mic Night
- Next event Thursday June 1st at 7:30pm
- Following event Thursday June 29th

New Business

- Reach out to Senior Center for a poetry reading to garner involvement
- Discussion regarding building an Arts in Oakland website
  - Reason
    - Hub for submissions
    - Upload videos/pictures
    - Announcements
  - Need permission from the town
Open Forum

- **Fall/Winter**
  - Poetry Contest September
  - Potential holiday season poetry contest
  - Ideas for Great Oak Park
    - Bandshell potentially up by September

Closing Comments/Announcement

Motion to adjourn: Alison Fleeson
Motion 2nd: Tracy DiTolla

**Adjournment** 8:50pm
Upcoming Meetings:
Tuesday June 20th, 2023 at 7pm at the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive Oakland, NJ 07436.