

NOTICE

Arts Council Meeting Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:30 pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Bill Amundson, Katherine Bird, Callie LaPoint, Bill Brehm, Natalie Norlin, Cheryl Schumacher, Kay Rashka

Absent: Ingrid McMasters, Sarah Bukrey

Staff: Victoria Flynn, Julie McDougall

AGENDA:

1. Call to order—1:31 pm
2. Review/Approve minutes from March 16, 2021 meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes as amended by LaPoint, second by Bird.
3. Communications & Updates
 - a. Welcome to our new member Kay Rashka! Kay is a local metalsmith and jeweler.
 - b. From the Opera House
 - i. The Opera House received a tech grant from Bryant Foundation to purchase lighting and sound equipment for the first floor rooms.
 - ii. Catfish River Music Fest looks very unlikely. There may be an alternative date, possibly Labor Day weekend.
 - c. From the Chamber of Commerce
 - i. With the new Covid recommendations we will have the ability to have more activity downtown for Syttende Mai. We can have walk-up business at food stands and the Village Players will host an “unofficial” open house. Some events downtown will be:
 1. Booster buttons, scavenger hunt, a drive-through parade with an award for the “Community Spirit Car”, and virtual recordings from the Opera House.
 - d. From the Stoughton Center for the Performing Arts
 - i. There will be a showcase the first weekend in June.
 - ii. We’ve had many new inquiries and hired three new music teachers.
 - iii. The Village Players will have a new season release.
 - iv. DeeDee from Aligning Stars wants to do an outdoor show.
 - e. Update on the Railroad trestle—the trestle is owned by the Railroad and cannot be painted.
 - f. Update on the banner project—Brehm hasn’t located the Arts District banner invoice yet.
 - i. The hope is to have artists pick up banners at Art Walk and to have them displayed at Syttende Mai 2022.
 - g. From Bill Amundson

- i. Amundson has started making new signs with new designs for Syttende Mai. He will be selling them on weekends.
 - h. From Cheryl Schumacher
 - i. Cheryl has the Vikings, Sven and Thor. Does anyone know who originally made them?
 - i. From Stoughton Public Library
 - i. Outside pop-up libraries have been popular.
 - ii. Our “Book Dominos” TikTok video went viral with 284,000 views.
 - iii. We’re planning to open on May 17 from 1-6 pm.
- 4. Art Walk
 - a. The original goal of the Arts Council is to draw attention to people in the community who are doing events like getting the banners put up on Main St., not to host events. The Arts Council took on Art Walk in 2019 as the sole event it hosts.
 - b. Ingrid McMasters is willing to contact businesses to host artists and Ann Kleckner will either coordinate with artists again or facilitate someone else taking that on.
 - c. Brehm will get documents updated and facilitate smaller group meetings to get Art Walk organized.
 - d. Bukrey has been holding on to some Art Walk things at home.
 - e. To accommodate everyone’s schedules we may need to move Art Walk meetings to a different time.
- 5. Adjournment—2:14 pm.
 - a. Bird motions to adjourn, second by Norlin.

Next meeting: May 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Flynn 5/17/2021