

Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting

April 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM

In-Person Attendees:

**Town Hall Small Conference Room
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut**

Those Attending Virtually:

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Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present (in-person): Renee Brown-Cheng, Tracey Bryggman, Amy Casey (arrived at 7:04pm), Colleen Cash, Nick Catino, Jennifer Dineen, Joshua Fischer, Raje Kaur, Danielle Roth

Present (virtually): Pamme Jones, Mike McNamara (left at 7:29pm)

Excused: Joe Collin

Guests: Neil Chollick

MEETING TO ORDER

Raje made a motion to call the meeting to order. Dani seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

MINUTES

- Tracey made a motion to approve the March 2025 Meeting Minutes. Nick seconded. All else approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Members are asked to submit any receipts related to the Scholarship Fundraiser.
- The council was updated on the town balance and trust balance.

Old Business

Scholarship Fundraiser Recap

- The fundraiser was a great success. Music and art was well-received and the council raised significant funds from donations, art raffle, and tips.

- We are still waiting on the summary of tips from the Lantern. More to follow.
- Given the success of the fundraiser, the council brainstormed other projects/programming we may want to fundraise for in the future.

2025 Scholarship Applicant Review

- There were 11 total applicants (9 seniors; 2 juniors). The council reviewed and discussed the applicants.
- Raje made a motion to award the 2025 RAC \$1000 Scholarship to a specific student (will remain unnamed until the winner is notified). Colleen seconded. Pamme recused herself. All else approved.
- The winner and all applicants will be notified in the coming days. The winner will be invited to attend Behind the Scenes.

Behind the Scenes - 2025 Nancy Award

- The council reviewed all nominees for the Nancy Award.
- Dani made a motion to award the 2025 Nancy Award to a specific nominee (will remain unnamed until notified). Pamme seconded. All else approved.

Group Updates as needed

Our Artists Our Schools

- There was a very successful virtual Conducting seminar for the RHS symphonic orchestra yesterday. The conductor shared his career path story with the students and also provided students with direct feedback.
- The Conductor will run a follow-up conducting workshop session next week.
- The Conductor will be compensated \$500 for the 3-hour series.

Recruiting Update

- We have reached a limit in our party balance. The council has 4 remaining member positions, but they must be affiliated with specific political parties.

Behind the Scenes

- Thurs, May 8th at Ridgefield Playhouse Lobby at 6pm
- Organizations that have not yet replied will be contacted to submit nominees as well as expected attendance.
- Members are encouraged to assist before/after the event as needed.

Make Music Day

- Musician/Venue Registration is now live.
- Band Line-up for Ballard Park is coming together and many venues will be participating again this year.
- A timeline with tasks is being drafted and will be circulated to the council to gauge availability to contribute.

New Business

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm following a motion made by Raje and seconded by Pamme. All approved.

The next meeting will be 5/7/2025 at 7pm.