

Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Special Meeting

February 5, 2025 at 7:30 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 (non-voting member), Amy Casey, Colleen Cash, Nick Catino, Joe Collin, Jennifer Dineen, Pamme Jones, Raje Kaur

Present (virtually): Joshua Fischer (joined at 7:36pm), Mike McNamara, Danielle Roth

Excused: Tracey Bryggman

Guests: Mike Santini, Neil Chollick, Peter Timpano (joined virtually at 7:49pm)

MEETING TO ORDER

Colleen made a motion to call the meeting to order. Dani seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

MINUTES

- Raje made a motion to approve the January 2025 Meeting Minutes. Joe seconded. All else approved.
- Pamme made a motion to approve the January 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Colleen seconds. All else approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Any submissions for reimbursement will be taken care of before the next meeting.
- The council was briefed on the current standings of the Town and Trust accounts.

Old Business

Group Updates as needed

Member Update

- Renee Brown-Cheng's appointment to the RAC was approved by the BOS this evening.

Budget Update

- The RAC had a positive meeting with the BOS this month. BOS members were very engaged and supportive of the RAC and offered some potential avenues for additional revenue, support, and visibility for our events.

Banners

- Members discussed ways to expand/update the banner program with potential additional banner slots or opening up the program to additional organizations or special circumstances. More discussions to come.
- The council will be adding banner "markers" to help clarify banner zones.

Behind the Scenes

- Venue and Date is confirmed for Thursday, May 8th in the Ridgefield Playhouse Lobby. Time TBD. Further details forthcoming.
- The council was reminded of the BTS event, award specifications, etc.

CT Humanities

- CT Humanities survey was completed.

RAC Scholarship

- A date for the Fundraiser will be solidified at the Lantern in the coming week (Top choice is March 26th with March 12th as a backup). A band has been confirmed. RAC members will guest-bartend. Once the date is confirmed, the council will formally invite RAC Non-Profit Arts Organization members to attend as well as identify best ways to promote the event. The council will confirm visual artists to donate pieces of art for raffle before the March meeting.
- The council discussed current standings of scholarship applications as well as current promotional efforts.

EDR

- The next EDR is scheduled for Friday, March 14th at Keeler Tavern at 9am. Rudy Marconi will attend as a guest speaker.

Our Artists Our Schools

- Two opportunities are in the works this spring including Art Portfolio Reviews as well as an Adjudication/Career Workshop with a former WCYO Conductor for music students. The council discussed a press release following the events to recap the ways we are bringing artists into our schools.

New Business

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm following a motion made by Raje and seconded by Amy. All approved.

The next meeting will be 3/5/2025 at 7pm.