

**Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting
December 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

In-Person Attendees:

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

Those Attending Virtually:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3625596884>

Meeting ID: 362 559 6884

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Minutes taken by Colleen Cash

Present (in-person): Colleen Cash, Josh Fischer, Jennifer Dineen, Pamme Jones, Mike McNamara, Amy Casey

Present (virtually): Joe Collin

Excused: Tracey Bryggman, Danielle Roth

Guests: N/A

MEETING TO ORDER

Raje made a motion to call the meeting to order. Mike seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

MINUTES

- Jennifer made a motion to approve the November 2023 Minutes. Mike seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- No changes reported since November 2023.
- Balances were shared for both accounts.
- A final ledger for the 2023 CT Humanities Grant has been prepared and a plan for final grant reporting was discussed.
- The council discussed final spending plans for the remaining balance and allocation of the balance towards Q1 2024 brochures was discussed.
- Jennifer made a motion to approve the allocation of the CT Humanities Grant towards Q1 2024 brochure printing. Raje seconded the motion. All approved.
- A go-forward plan for account usage was discussed.

Old Business

Group Updates as needed

Banners

- The Council discussed organizations who will and won't be participating in the banner program in 2024.
- There has been positive feedback on fabric banners vs vinyl.
- The Council discussed the ongoing need to ensure legibility and clarity of banners. The Council will collaborate on a best practices communication to be shared in early 2024.

ArtsWatch Column

- The December column has been submitted for publication.
- The Council discussed the format of the column.

EDR

- The final EDR of 2023 is on Friday, December 8th.
- The Council discussed items to be discussed at the upcoming meeting.

RAC Scholarship

- A scholarship fundraising event will be held on March 21st, at the Lantern.

RAC 24-25 Budget Request Review

- The Council confirmed that the budget request has been submitted.

New Business

High School Auditorium

- The Council discussed the ongoing conversations regarding the state of the Ridgefield High School Auditorium and potential plans to renovate the space.
- The Council discussed the auditorium's inclusion in the Five-Year Capital Plan as well as a written letter in support of the project's inclusion in the plan.
- Josh made a motion to submit an RAC sponsored letter of support for the plan. Pamme seconded. Amy and Josh recused themselves. All others approved.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm following a motion made by Mike and seconded by Raje. All approved.

The next meeting will be 1/10/2024 at 7pm.