

ABCC Approved Minutes 2013/03/11

Acton Town Hall, Room 122, 7:42pm meeting opened

Present: Barbara Estabrook, Alexis Presti-Simpson, Marion Powers, Greg Hutchins, Nancy Kumaraswami, Kristie Rampton, Sunanda Sahay, Todd Davis, Linda Mayer

Absent: Tse-Ming Wang, Pascale Belin-White, Suman Adishesu

Marion moved to adopt minutes of 2013/02/11. Alexis seconded. The vote to approve the Minutes was unanimous.

Greg submitted and reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

March 23, 2013 11am to noon, the search for the sculpture will continue as all prospective artists have been invited to NARA to view the possible sites that have been selected for installation of the chosen sculpture. Linda and Barbara will be there, as well as other ABCC members who are available. A wide range of artists have been notified in the 'Call to Artists' of our search for the sculpture. The ABCC website has the pertinent information. It was suggested the cover of the 'Call' be printed so it could be posted. Kristie and Alexis will post them at local venues. The Jury deciding which sculpture will be chosen will consist of ABCC members and Recreation Department members.

The Community Input Survey results consisted of 55 handwritten and 35 online surveys. The entire range of opinions about what the ABCC provides ranged from no comment to requesting options beyond the ABCC scope. Theater, anything theater related, film, world culture, more of the same and children related events were all encouraged. The preference in funding was from first to last being schools, public events, to environmental projects. Asking how people hear about events first to last was the local paper, word of mouth and finally banners and electronic boards. Continued discussion needed to determine how to put the survey to best use.

Discussed how Boxborough funds should be best used. It was suggested that at the end of the summer reading program, funds could be used to provide the musical entertainment. The event is always well attended by all age groups. Kristie moved we allocate \$400-\$500 for musical entertainment at the end of the Sargent Memorial Library in Boxborough's summer reading program. Barbara seconded. The vote was unanimous to allocate \$400-\$500 for the music at the summer reading culmination. Nancy will ask Maureen, the Library Director, if the library would be able to use the funds.

Recruiting high school students to serve on the ABCC continues to be a priority. Linda will talk with the Arts teachers to begin the conversation. Barbara will reach out to Kay Steeves.

Barbara will inquire how funds can be acquired from MCC for the Grantee Reception. ABCC members will follow up on the letters that were previously mailed requesting donations and report results back to Marion. Entertainment will be presented by Stephen Collins from his Walt Whitman presentation. Sunanda is securing Indian music. Sounds of Stow need follow up to see if they are available. If they are unable to perform, Open Door Theater will be asked. Invitations have been sent.

Todd has already received a few entries for the Short Films Night. The deadline for submissions is April 9, 2013. Films have been selected for Movies in May.

May 3 | I Wish directed by Hirokazu Koreeda

May 10- The Earrings of Madame de directed by Max Ophuls.

May 17- Le Havre directed by Aki Kaurismaki .

Ratings of the films will be checked. Future venues to consider would be at the Junior High and Women's Club. Kristie will publicize through social media. Marion will contact the Blanchard Bits, the Beacon and Action Unlimited. Flyer will be made. Preview of the submitted short films will be after the submission deadline. Members will check their calendars to see when they are available after April 9.

Meeting adjourned 9:43pm.