

# Putnam Arts Council

## Feb. 24, 2016 Minutes

PRESENT: Karen Osbrey, Bill Pearsall, Amy Chizen, Anthony Foronda, Angelica Fadrowski, Marie Mongeau

Guest: Laura Taylor

QUORUM: yes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:20 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept September 2015 minutes by Marie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy. Motion passed  
There were no meetings in October, November, December 2015 and January 2016 and so no minutes to approve.
3. Treasurer's Report: Tabled. Money was withdrawn from our income account rather than the line item budget from the town. Karen will speak with the town's finance department to clarify our budget.
4. Website update: Jackie is making all the postings for the website. Anthony reports that he has not received anything to post in the last couple of weeks.  
Question raised: where are the Arts Council agendas and meeting being posted on the website.  
Also, Anthony will meet with Jackie to show her a post of what we'd like to do
5. Communication with other groups: None
6. First Fridays: we are waiting for a couple of the artists to complete their murals. Once these are complete and we see what space is available, we have two other artists who would like to contribute a mural.  
The mural Anthony created is not on the wall. Karen suggested we put it in a separate location due to its unique look and materials. She suggested his art piece of a woman be placed on the street side of the public restroom building. Anthony was asked, and agreed, to create a companion piece of a man. Karen will approach the town to get this okayed. The work must be complete and paid by June 30, 2016.
7. Public Art Projects: Bike racks are just waiting for spring to be placed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> will go in the Farmer's Market near the brick wall. (One is already downtown.) If we can get another, the suggestion was made to consider placing it at the YMCA. We will hold on this due to the situation with no bike path along that section of Kennedy Drive and potentially unsafe nature of kids biking it. Karen will also check with the YMCA to see if they already have a bike rack.  
Re: the staircase behind the bank, it was suggested we hire a professional muralist. Anthony suggested we talk with Tom Borner to understand his vision; it will give us a direction for artist selection.
8. Putnam Post: we are still working on a way to set up a marketplace on the website to sell these and other items. The difficulty is in processing payments. Karen will speak with Renee Lasko from the Farmer's Market on how they handle it. She will also speak with Eric at Savage systems, telling him what we want to do, to see if it can happen. We also need to find out from the town if we can have our own account and make disbursements to the town.
9. Marketing: I  Putnam cling now will include website address. Anthony will get prices.  
For the rack car, we are still looking for two photos. Laura recommended Ken Spotswood. We'd like to see dancers in the street and the Fire & Ice festival. Anthony will check with Carly from Silver Circle. Angelica will check with Adam from the Villager.  
Business card design was changed to remove the fax number. Amy motioned that we purchase 500 business cards. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

10. Old Business: Karen collated the responses to meeting time preferences for the Arts Council. There were difficulties as every night seemed to exclude at least one person. The best day is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at the Putnam Library. Bill motioned to move the meeting to that day and times. Anthony seconded. Motion passed.
11. New Business: We have an opening on the Council which must be filled by a republican or un-affiliated candidate. Karen recommended Jan Beckett who is a graphic artist.  
Tie Art Project – we have ties which were collected for a project and not used. Karen will get them back from Empty spaces Project and will approach the YMCA about creating a weaving project with the ties. It would be tapestry sized. It would be a "work-in-progress" in which people could weave their tie or one from the collection into the project. Karen will approach them about the project one they have been up and running for a bit.
12. Public comments: Laura Taylor's new gallery Artisan Soul Gallery held their opening recently. She told us that some of her artists may be interested in creating art for the town. Bamboo artist Palo Coleman was mentioned. She also mentioned using a documentary on Re-use by Alex Graves.  
Anthony spoke about an Earth Day Event being put on by the Interfaith Council and held at the Putnam Middle School on April 17, 2016. Laura asked about setting up a small table-top video viewing of the documentary on Re-Use at the event.
13. Adjourn 7:50; motion made by Marie

Next meeting will be Monday, March 28 at 5:15 p.m. at the Putnam Library

Submitted by Marie Mongeau