

Putnam Arts Council Meeting 10/28/2019

Call to order at 5:30 pm

In attendance - Karen Osbrey, Bill Pearsall, Laura Moorehead, Julie Reid, Kathy Dunton, Akanksha Tretheway

Approval of minutes – August 2019 (no forum at September 2019 meeting) - motion to accept by Bill Pearsall, second by Laura Moorehead

Financials - no changes from August 2019 balance - \$1,000 from town budget, \$1,797 from donations

Website and Social Media Update - Akanksha reported there was no update on the website. The letter to be sent to contact list was reviewed and approved with one minor typo. It was decided that the subject line of the email should be “Welcome to the Putnam Arts Council.”

Communication with other groups - Bill reported the Boxcar Museum renovation is slowly moving forward and the handicap ramp has been installed. Kathy Dunton reported several activities at the Putnam Congregational Church - Character Breakfast on December 7, Book Signing by Mai Donohue on November 3, Discount Tickets to the Trinity Rep’s production of A Christmas Carol on November 16.

Public Art Projects - Permanent Sculpture Installation – Stepping stones have been installed but it was felt that a few more were needed. Julie and Karen have acquired 8 more stones which will need to be engraved with the bird footprint. A motion was made by Laura Moorehead, seconded by Bill Pearsall, to spend no more than \$175 to have Mercer engrave the remaining stones. A discussion was held about a project for next year - a bench. Akanksha has researched ideas for the design and Karen has spoken with Dan Merlo, a wood sculpture from Eastford, about creating a unique piece for the area.

Old Business - Field trip - Laura Moorehead presented a report on the Worcester Art Museum. The museum offers free admission on the first Sunday of each month so the months of April, May and June of 2020 will be considered. There are several other art venues and many fine restaurants in Worcester so Laura will research other options and put together some possible itineraries.

Mill Park Project (TLGV Grant update) - the committee was not awarded the grant. Karen has spoken with Willie Bousquet about installing some sort of base - concrete or pressure treated wood - next spring.

New Business – new member - the committee has two potential new members who are both interested in joining. Vanessa Martel has expressed an interest to Akanksha and Elaine Turner has spoken with Karen. Both Karen and Akanksha will follow up.

Public Comments – none

Akanksha made the motion to adjourn at 6:12 pm