

## Putnam Arts Council minutes for July 22, 2019

Called to order at 5:31.

In attendance - Karen Osbrey, Bill Pearsall, Laura Moorehead, Kathy Guertin, Julie Reid, Kathy Dunton, guest Priscilla Colwell

Minutes – June 24, 2019 minutes were presented. Motion to accept by Bill Pearsall, second by Kathy Guertin. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - no change from last month

Website - no report since no member of committee present

Communications -

- Kathy Dunton reported last month's First Friday children's project (tie dye t-shirts) was extremely popular.
- Bill reported that progress on the Boxcar Museum was moving slower than expected due to unforeseen structure issues. He also reported that the Aspinock Historical Society will have an open house this Saturday at the Cady Copp House as part of their annual appeal.
- Kathy Guertin asked if the mother of Aaron Stark's mother had spoken with Karen about the possibility of setting up a fund in Aaron's name to help young artists who can't afford to have their artwork framed and readied for displaying to the public. Karen reported that his mother had spoken with her and she gave her some advice on how to proceed.

Public Art Projects

- Karen reported Jerad Taft from the Susan Wayne Center is going to install the plaque at the Putnam Bank staircase.
- She also reported the lavender is in full bloom at the Bird in Hand sculpture and is beautiful. The stones will be delivered soon to Parker Memorials for etching and Putnam Rec Department has agreed to let us expand the garden. We need to acquire some larger stones to help hold the additional pea stones in place - which will be donated by Rawson Materials - and Bill said Provost has a pile of free stones for the taking. Plans are to have all of the hardscaping done by this fall.
- There are some rocks at Miller Park which have been painted by the Putnam school children which need to be moved due to interfering with regular maintenance in the park. Karen suggested moving them to the garden area we will be expanding at the Bird in Hand sculpture and making an area that looks like a dry riverbed where people can enjoy them and add their own rocks. Everyone liked the idea so it will be incorporated into the new area.

Marketing - Akanksha has updated the letter which will be sent to all of the names on our new database of artists and art supporters. She emailed it to the entire committee earlier in the day and Karen asked that all members read it over and email corrections that need to be made.

Old Business - Field Trip - Putnam Rec is on board for another trip so Laura will contact the sculpture park to inquire if there is a better time of year to visit as well as asking if they allowing picnicking on site.

New Business - Karen reported that the arborvitaes in Miller Park which were removed last spring need to be replaced with a hard structure to protect the small electrical panel. She has asked Putnam Rec if we could make some sort of painted "house" to go around it. Something more interesting and fun than bushes. Suggestions by the committee included an old English phone booth, a fairy house, a bird house, a barn, and something historical to indicate the original owner of the land, the Belding thread factory. Karen asked that everyone visit the site and put on their thinking caps and bring some ideas to the next meeting.

Public Comment - Pricilla reported that the courtyard at the new municipal building is probably not going to happen because of budget restrictions. A sculpture by the Putnam Arts Council is still in the plans.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:11.

Submitted by Laura Moorehead, Secretary