

Leicester Arts Council
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2007

Present: Kurt Parliment, Christine Swanson, Diane Lennerton, Phillip LeBlanc, Christie Higginbottom, ex officio member Sharon Nist

Chairman Kurt Parliment was delayed as he was attending another meeting. The Arts Council meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Christine Swanson at 7:15. Minutes of the March 5 meeting were read and approved. (motion: Phil LeBlanc; second: Diane Lennerton)

Christine welcomed Phil as an official voting member, and noted that he is the first student representative to become a voting member.

Kurt arrived at 7:40 and chaired the meeting.

There was no treasurer's report.

Kurt introduced Ann Marcel of the Massasoit Artists Guild. Ann announced that the Artists Guild will hold its Annual Art Show and Sale in Spencer on October 13 and 14, from 10:00 to 4:00. A reception for the artists will take place on Saturday afternoon (Oct. 13). Judging will take place in the morning before the event opens to the public. Ann has invited Judy and Len Ivel to judge the Leicester entries for the \$300 award to purchase an art work for display in Leicester. Ann has realized that in order for Judy to serve as judge she will have to delay her reinstatement to the Arts Council. Ann will contact Judy to be sure she wishes to do that. If an alternate judge is needed Ann will contact Steven Hunt, recommended by Christie. Ann recommended that the winning Leicester work be placed on display in the new police station.

Ann asked about the invitation Kurt had extended to the Guild to display work at the Harvest Fair. After discussion all agreed that this exhibit be planned for the 2008 fair to allow for proper planning for a display to feature works with a Leicester theme.

Correspondence: The council received flyers from Americans for the Arts and from the Huntington Theater. Council received a letter from Deborah Beaucage of 325 Rawson Street expressing interest in serving on the Arts Council. Ms. Beaucage has served on the Oxford Arts Council and is involved in art and craft work. The council voted (motion: Christie; second: Chris) to encourage her application. Christie will write to the Board of Selectmen and request that they appoint her. Kurt will call Ms. Beaucage.

Voucher: The council signed a voucher for reimbursement of grant LCC 4 FY 07 to Gregory Maichack in the amount of \$395 for his Workshop: The Art of Pastel.

Chris Swanson said she had seen a publication listing the Abbey Kelley Foster performance as scheduled for the Harvest Fair which is an error. Diane will contact Joe Lennerton at the high school to confirm the school's plans for the program before Kurt contacts the women's history group to make the correction.

Kurt reported that he has had very positive response from community organizations re: the wellness program in conjunction with the Harvest Fair. He mentioned Becker College's nursing program and animal care program, the high school and junior high

school, and a physical therapy group as interested. He will contact the Lions Club. Becker will allow use of property in front of Marsh Hall for this program. Diane suggested looking into adding a farmers' market component to the Fair. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea. Diane will look into organization and any health or other regulations we should be aware of. The council discussed possible changes to the annual Harvest Fair auction. This will be discussed further at a future meeting. Chris Swanson made a motion (second: Diane) to postpone discussion of the application guidelines and letters to applicants until the next meeting. Approved. The next meeting will be April 30, changed from the customary time due to town meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Higginbottom, Secretary