

East Haven Arts Commission Minutes

June 27, 2022

Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Chairperson Cindy Genzano

Commissioner Sharon Collins

Commissioner Kari Collins

Commissioner Debra Giordano

Commissioner Robert Genzano

Community Members: Travis Giordano

Absent Member Commissioner Kristin Cenevia Iovene

Chairperson Cindy Genzano called the zoom meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Roll call was done and a quorum was present.

Item #2: Minutes Of Last Meeting

Commissioner Sharon Collins made a motion to accept the previous minutes; it was 2nd by Commissioner Robert Genzano. All in favor.

Item #3: Summer Theater Update

Commissioner Kari Collins updated us on the latest information from our upcoming productions. She also shared the budget for the summer shows. A question was raised on the amount of the stipends given to the directors and musician and to see if we might be able to increase the amounts. Chairperson Cindy Genzano explained that she talked to Joe at the Business Office and found out what we need to pay the personnel from the school that we need to hire at \$30.00 per hour for security and \$15.00 apiece for lighting and sound.

We also had a problem with using Room 3 at Hays, it was locked, and a suggestion was made to ask the custodian to open it if we run into that again. She

also explained that they are in need of a new keyboard with speaker, and a new music stand, it was advised for her to contact Jason for advice and to do some research. There was also a discussion on purchasing some lights for use with our productions so that we do not have to rent them each year. We are going to look into more information on this too.

Item #4: Pro-Bono Attorney

Commissioner Robert Genzano and Chairperson Cindy Genzano were interviewed to be accepted to. They agreed to represent us to complete our goal of becoming a 501 C3 nonprofit organization under the auspices of the town of East Haven. The attorney will also draft up by-laws based upon our previous work, for us to use.

Item #5: By-Laws Update

We have learned that our by-laws will describe the Board of Directors for the EHAC non-profit. The executive board will need to come from our commissioners which are in essence appointed by the Mayor. We also were declined for a grant from UI because we are not yet a 501C-3 Organization.

Item #6 New Members

We were unable to accept Michael as a member due to rules in the town charter concerning equity of political party affiliation. We will put the word out again and hope to find someone who can help our organization. In the meantime, Michael can assist us and volunteer as needed and if he chooses.

Item #7: Visual Arts

We heard of an interesting exhibit called the American Mural Project in Winstead and we are going to look into it. We will also be generating ideas for the Fall Festival in town in September. We will bring Michael Moore into a future meeting to discuss ways to employ our grant money to enhance visual arts in the community.

Our next meeting will be July 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kari Collins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.; it was 2nd by Commissioner Robert Genzano. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Debra Giordano