

Cromwell Arts Alliance  
Minutes

Monday, October 6, 2014  
Stevens-Frisbie House

In attendance:

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Richard Donohue Cromwell Arts Alliance Chair.

Agenda approved.

Old Business:

Discussion of Summer Camp group and rethinking of the camp versus the Summer Festival. Sue Schein reported that the 3 people who brought up the need for a Summer Camp (Kelly Swazja, Michaela Savinelli and Victoria Zeilor) had graduated and not been in contact after a few meetings. However, the students, who were Cromwell High graduates had been interested in a summer camp which would have offerings in a variety of Arts. Mr. Donohue suggested that this idea should still be viable. Ideas were generated such as:

- a) Keeping costs low by looking for Grants and Artists willing to donate their time.
- b) Start small. Perhaps a one day workshop.

Intergenerational Group Report

The group has put their minutes in the drop box.

Thomas reported that he spoke with Ms. Ziff's AP Art class about his costume and work in Exploring Intergenerational (Arts?) 2014, Nightfall Hartford.

Another member (from Communications group) reported that "Painting In 1 Night" was a huge success. It was run through the Library but took place in the Senior Center. Dr. Talty was thanked for providing communication for this event.

Communications Group

Minutes in drop box and hard copies passed out to CAA members. The group is asking for members with website building skills. In addition they are looking for financial support in setting up a website. The cost would be approximately \$100 annually plus an \$80 host fee. It was suggested that Dave Powell (a Cromwell High alumni) might be willing to donate skills. The committee wondered if the Town would be able to pick up any costs.

There was also a discussion of a CAA Facebook account which the members had difficulty setting up. Richard Donohue mentioned that he had a lot of experience setting up these types of accounts and Doug McGough (IT at Cromwell Public Schools) was also mentioned. Dr. Talty mentioned that she would ask Doug about it.

### Logistical Group

Minutes in drop box. The group started to ID some places in town with facilities that may be user friendly for artists. They also needed to identify what types of facilities these were and what they could offer to Artists and performers such as sound, lighting, custodial staff etc.

Mr. Donohue felt it was important to find what artistic endeavors were already happening and where they were taking place. He also identified what he felt were two purposes of the group.

- 1) Bringing in Artists to Cromwell and venues where they could perform or show their work.
- 2) Identifying local Artists and venues where they are already performing or showing their work.

(For instance Altrusa performing in the lobby of the Town Hall.)

A discussion then took place about creating an Arts/Events calendar for the entire Town. This was also discussed as an adjunct to the Communications group or as its own separate committee.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Mr. Donohue began a discussion about the identity of Cromwell. He asked the group to come up with inspirational places in Cromwell and a list was developed.

Cromwell Landing

State Parks including River Highland

RR tracks

Hoffman Hill

Covenant Village Road/Pond

Main Street

Sebethe River

Town Churches

Rose Garden at Pierson Park

Town Cemeteries

Holy Apostles Trees

Other beautiful walking places around town

Sue Schein mentioned that she was in communication with the EDC.

A general discussion took place about two purposes of the group being to:

- 1) Provide artistic opportunities
- 2) Support artists already in Cromwell

#### Public Comments

Should the CAA have a Town Representative? There was an expectation that the CAA should report to the Town Council and/or Mayor.

A list of types of Artists was passed around amongst the members.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM at the Frisbie House although other locations were also mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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