

Lower Paxton Township Arts Council Meeting held February 1, 2023

Members attending were Patricia Crawford, Stan Smith, and Shelly Echeverria.

Staff Liaison: Rachelle Scott

Guests: Teresa Gonzalez (Prospective Member)

Maria Lagasca, Library Manager of the East Shore Area Library

Matters discussed include the following:

1. Recruitment of New Members

Teresa Gonzalez, has filed her application for membership on the Arts Council and attended the meeting as a guest, pending the completion of her interview process.

2. Art Displays at the Library

Maria Lagasca, the Library Manager of the East Shore Area Library, attended the meeting this month, and to discuss the potential use of the Library as a site for art displays and other Arts Council programs. Maria had reviewed a copy of the Hosting Agreement for display of art and there was a discussion about the policy for artist contact information to be consistent with Library policy on dissemination of promotional materials. Further discussion dealt with policies on use of the Library display cases and wall areas on the main level for an initial display that might incorporate the work of the two artists who are currently members of the Arts Council. The initial display could be opened as soon as the appropriate hanging apparatus might be installed. Maria will inform the Arts Council of the approximate timing and costs for the installation of the hanging system.

3. “Summer of Soul” Movie Event

The lower level meeting room at the Library can be used free of charge for the showing of the film. Maria will check if the film is available through the Library’s streaming service, or if a purchase of the DVD will be required. Because closing times for the Library impact the ability to schedule an evening showing at times to allow comment and the full presentation of the film, it was proposed that the event could be held on Sunday June 4 or Sunday June 11 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.. Closing time on Sundays is 5:00 pm.

4. Funding request for Variety Band

The Arts Council approved Jim Milbrand’s request that up to \$2000 be allowed for the Variety Band. Expenditure for the past year was a total of \$2300.

4. Book Discussions

The Book Discussion scheduled for December 15 on the novel **Briefly, A Delicious Life** by Nell Stevens, was held as rescheduled on January 12.

The Book Discussion scheduled for February 16 will feature **The Forest of Vanishing Stars** by Kristen Harmel. The book for the next Discussion on April 20 will be selected on February 16.

The next meeting of the Arts Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday March 1, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Municipal Center.