

# Lower Paxton Township Arts Council Meeting held March 1, 2023

Members attending were Patricia Crawford, Laurie Holmes, Teresa Gonzalez and Shelly Echeverria.

Staff Liaison: Rachelle Scott

Guests: Charisse Burris, public visitor

Matters discussed include the following:

## 1. Recruitment of New Members

Teresa Gonzalez has received her letter of appointment to the Arts Council for the 2023 calendar year.

## 2. Art Displays at the Library

Shelly Echeverria and Teresa Gonzalez met with Library Manager Maria Lagasca and agreed on display space that will be made available to local artists who are Township residents and whose work has been reviewed by the Arts Council. Maria had emailed an estimate of cost for hanging apparatus that could be installed by Library staff. Maria's estimate came to \$704.90 which included \$45.54 for estimated tax. Since the Township is tax exempt, there was discussion of having the Arts Council pay for the acquisition of the materials, less the tax, which would bring the total to \$659.36. A motion was made by Shelly, seconded by Teresa, and unanimously approved, to pay the costs of the materials up to \$659.36.

## 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. 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 at a prior meeting 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.

Discussion of a date preference resulted in consensus on Sunday June 4 as a preferred date for the event. Pat Crawford will follow up with Maria.

## 3. Book Discussions

The Book Discussion of **The Forest of Vanishing Stars** was held as scheduled on February 16. It was discussed that the participation had not been affected by the placement of a Facebook ad.

The book selected by Discussion participants for the next two sessions are **Horse** by Geraldine Brooks for April 20 and **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver for June 15. Laurie Holmes will prepare flyers.

## 4. Other Matters

Laurie Holmes proposed that consideration be given to the creation of Arts Council sponsored Art Workshops or Art Therapy classes. Specific matters regarding appropriate format, location, and charge to participants can be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

**The next meeting of the Arts Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Municipal Center.**