

Sterling Cultural Council Meeting
Zoom meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7:02pm

Present: Judy Doherty, Sarah Jordan, Rosanne Mapp, Diane Pedersen, Margaret Spaulding, Beth Stephenson, Patricia Ward

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2020, were approved. Minutes of the January 27, 2021, meeting were approved as corrected.

It was approved that Patricia Ward would take over the duties of Scribe starting at the next meeting.

New Initiative:

Judy Doherty submitted a proposal for the SCC to sponsor a “Nature Lovers Art Contest” that would involve children and youth (pre-K through high school or college) from the Town of Sterling only. This project would ask for funds contributed from the Sterling Town to the SCC. All media of arts—visual, performance, or written. Discussion included:

- Limiting entries to one per category
- Certificates for all. Prizes (preferable to ribbons) for
- Judging pre-K, K-2, 3-5, 6-8, H.S., (college?)

Council was asked to review the proposal and come up with more ideas, questions, etc. for the next meeting.

Peg Spaulding will contact the Houghton & Chocksett art and music teachers for input and promotion to the students. Kathy Greene is willing to assist.

Chair's Report:

Rosanne will resend the proposal for “Art in the Park.” A date and rain-date are needed. The event will utilize the Common as well as Memorial Park. It will be advertised through schools, at “Inspire Sterling,” the Library, newspapers, social media. There will be no charge to enter but possibly ask for a donation for an auction.

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Issues to address:

Refreshments? Port-a-potties (and/or use of 1835 Town Hall, Butterick Building)? Banner for the SCC? Art contest could be displayed at the show? Get to know Sterling artists? Demonstrations? Each artist to set up his/her own booth. Use of the gazebo for performances? Microphones? SLTV coverage? Commercial entities in town to take part?

Rosanne will send out a preliminary checklist to work from.

Rosanne talked with

Motions:

- It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept and fund the proposal of “Nature Lovers Art Show.”

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- It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept and fund the proposal of “Art in the Park”
- After Rosanne’s discussion with Lindsey Van Gieson and the SCC, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the “Inspire Sterling” Art Show.
- After Beth’s discussion with Veronica Buckley and the SCC, it was moved, seconded and approved to NOT accept the Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercises proposal.
- After Pat’s discussion with the Discover Museum and the SCC, it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the proposal from the Discovery Museum and to grant them \$400.
- Regarding the “Blue Brothers Concert,” Judy was not able to glean much from their website, so she will contact them by email and report back.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday 18, 2021 at 7pm via zoom

Respectfully submitted by Diane Pedersen