**Sterling Cultural Council**

**Zoom Meeting**

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7:02 pm

**Present:** Judith Doherty**,** Rosanne Mapp, Diane Pederson, Margaret Spaulding, Beth Stephenson, and Patricia Ward. The minutes of the March 18th meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Possible New Member:** Judy knows someone who might be interested in joining the Council, Kim Bourgeois. She is a local artist. Everyone approved of added her to the council. Rosanne will put her name forward to the Select Board once Judy confirms that Kim wants to join.

**Art Contest:**

***Prizes*:** Diane said there were several things we can get from Jerry’s Artarama**.** Also**, t**here is a music store in Worcester for someone who wins in music category. A book of poetry was suggested for writers. Beth found out about ribbons; they are 35 cents if you get 100 or more, but will cost more if fewer than 100 were purchased.

***Flyers*:** Rosanne and Judy have started distributing flyers. Peg and Judy will follow up with the high school and Houghton. Patricia will create certificates of participation.

***News Releases*:** Rosanne contacted local newspapers about the event.

***Questions:*** Judy, fielding questions from some parents, wants to know if it is ok if teachers collect art work and she could pick them up. All agreed it was ok. There was concern that art work dropped in book return at the library would be damaged. Patricia pointed out that the room out front used for book pick ups during bad weather could be utilized. Judy will contact library about this. One mom wants to know about size and whether work should be framed. Judy suggested that we recommend 12’ x 18” size max, but there will be no limit as flyers already printed. Rather than framing, Rosanne suggested work should be matted and ready to be hung. If kids want to frame their work, they should use plexiglass rather than glass. Judy suggested for younger kids we could mount on tri-folds. Judy said that there are free mats at the recycling center she could collect. Patricia suggested buying “corners” to mount younger kids’ work.

**Art in the Park:**

* Rosanne did Zoom meeting with select board; everything is good to go. Michael Cove is donating two port-a-potties, one regular and one handicap as well as a sink. Rosanne also checked with First Church about using the common. She also contacted Maki (Rich Carpignato) about helping out with gazebo repairs; he was responsive. Rosanne contacted the Sterling Facilities Manager about repairs to the gazebo; she took offense that Rosanne did this. The town has a contractor; the Facilities Manager will follow up. Rosanne also contacted Light Department and found out that there is electricity. Beth will contact the town about electronic billboards to advertise the event. The band Crossroads has agreed to play for $450 for a late afternoon concert once the event is over at Memorial Park.
* Judy has been contacting musicians about playing during the event. Once we know how many will play, we will make a schedule.
* Diane is creating artist applications.
* Beth said tables, bathrooms, and bulletin boards are available for use by First Church, but we have to move them ourselves.
* Rosanne suggested making lawn signs for the event.
* Patricia will look into the cost for t-shirts for council members to wear at the event. She will also contact someone who has a scout connection for moving tables, etc.
* General discussion: if people on the council want to have a booth, we can take turns manning the booths.
* Judy wanted to know if kids could get service hours if they performed; all agreed.

**Miscellaneous:**

* We should all look at list of requirements for artists to discuss at next meeting.
* Rosanne received letters from Discovery Museum and Conant Library thanking us for grants.

**Next Meeting**: May 6 @ 3:30 pm at Patricia’s house if it is nice, Peg’s if it is raining.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.