



MEETING MINUTES

June 20th , 2022 at 7:30pm
Metuchen Senior Citizen Center

PRESENT: Grace Shackney, Judy Lee, Meg Loftus Suchan, Carmen Balentine, Joel Branch, Natalie Clark, Robert Diken, Cody Grabbe, Carolyn Hamming, Mark Harris, Deb Kmetz, Terry Kohl, Aaron McCoy, Nunzio Moudatsos, Lynne Mueller, Wendy Richards, Mara Rosencrown, John Sharp, Joanne Stern, Dan Rosencrown, Sonia Toledo

WELCOME:

Co-Chairs Grace Shackney and Judy Lee opened the meeting at 7:31pm with a welcome to all and acknowledgement of the Sunshine Open Public Meeting Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 16th 2022 MEETING:

Meg Loftus Suchan asked for a motion to approve the minutes. John Sharp so moved. The motion was seconded by Deb Kmetz and approved by all members present.

FINANCIAL / BUSINESS REPORTS

- **FRIENDS OF METUCHEN ARTS (FOMA) REPORT (Bob Diken):** Bob explained that financially things are in about the same place as they were at our last meeting with about \$7k in their bank account. He discussed the new promotional video and asked everyone to share. He also discussed the website and how it will mirror/relate to MAC. He asked that everyone please go to their Facebook page and like and share. You can also link to their Amazon Smile account so that your purchases donate a small portion to FOMA.

REPORTS

2022 Summer/Fall Season review (Grace Shackney):

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 - June 28: Jazz at the Library featuring John Messenger Quintet
 - July 2: NJ Symphony concert at the Plaza. We will need volunteers. The event starts at 7:30pm
 - July 28: Community Chamber Music Concert at the Library at 7pm
 - Sept. 3: Metuchen Rocks! concert with the Lonesome Pines on the Plaza
 - September 10: Jazz Fest featuring Bobby Sanabria and Nonet Ascension on the Plaza.
 - October 13: Cornerstone Jazz at the Library featuring Latin jazz guitarist Alejandro Ataucusi and his band, Forbidden Tropics for their album release party
 - October 22: ArtCycle Outdoor Gallery ribbon cutting & the school opening is the same day at Westerhoff
- **Rotunda Gallery Report:** Grace Shackney and Judy Lee expressed the importance of us continuing to support/volunteer for the gallery
- **Jazz Programing Updates (Lynne Mueller):** The Harry Allen Trio will perform at Jazz Night in the Parlor at Hailey's, 15 Station Place. The event will be limited to 30 guests. <https://bit.ly/3nklMj8>
- **Central Jersey Jazz Festival (9/9 - 9/11)** includes events in Flemington, New Brunswick, Somerville and Metuchen. Metuchen program is Saturday evening 9/10/22 at 6 PM with Bobby Sanabria and Ascension (nonet), Metuchen High School Jazz Ensemble (big band) and Metuchen Dance Centre performing.
- **MDA Report (Lynne Mueller)**
 - a. June 21 (Last day of school) Kids Take over Downtown Metuchen
 - b. June 25 – Pride Day
 - c. July 18 to 25– Restaurant Week

- MDA Public Art Report (Lynne Mueller): Angie's Café had the ribbon cutting for the new mural "Childhood Memories" on June 17th
- Rise Up Chorus Concert (Terry Kohl): The event held on June 12th at the Metuchen High School was a big success, Terry spoke about how well attended it was and the enthusiastic responses it garnered.

All business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm. The next Arts Council meeting is scheduled for: MONDAY, July 18th 2022 AT 7:30PM at the Metuchen Senior Citizen Center.

Submitted by,
Meg Loftus Suchan, Secretary
Metuchen Arts Council