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**Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting
January 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

Virtual Meeting:

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Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present (virtually): Tracey Bryggman, Joe Collin, Jennifer Dineen, Joshua Fischer, Danielle Roth, Amy Casey, Rajee Kaur, Mike McNamara (joined at 7:05pm and left at 7:19pm)

Excused: Colleen Cash, Pamme Jones

Guests: N/A

MEETING TO ORDER

Dani made a motion to call the meeting to order. Rajee seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

MINUTES

Jennifer made a motion to approve the December 2023 Minutes. Rajee seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Only expenses for December were a reimbursement for an EDR (food), and two artists for the Our Artists Our Schools program.
- We have spent roughly 32% of our Town allocated budget to date and we are beyond the halfway point. This is on target since most of RAC's events are in the spring.
- The council discussed implementing a threshold for the Trust Account so that we can continue to maintain a minimum balance.

Old Business

Group Updates as needed

Our Artists Our Schools

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- A conductor came to RHS and talked to 3 different classes about his path as a young conductor as well as his background in working for Google and Coinbase.
- A graphic designer came to speak to a Graphic Design class at RHS about his career in marketing.
- More updates to follow at the February meeting along with a plan for the remainder of the year.

Brochures

- The council is waiting to hear back from the current brochure design team as to whether or not a cost reduction can be made. The council discussed potential alternatives to the brochures should they not be affordable in the future.

Banners

- Reminder emails and requests for banners designs have been sent out.
- The new 2024 schedule is up and running smoothly!

ArtsWatch Column

- The January ArtsWatch Column has been submitted.

CT Humanities Grant

- The final report has been submitted. There is one last component, the survey, that needs to be completed by the end of the month.
- The remaining 25% of the grant will come in at the end of the month once the final report and survey have been received.

Make Music Day

- Kick off meetings will be next month. More to follow.

Music & Art in the Park

- The council plans to target a Fall date.

Scholarship

- Fundraiser is confirmed for March 21st.
- The deadline for the scholarship is being confirmed. Once determined, the scholarship application will be open on the website and a social media post will be made.

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2024 RAC Event Planning

- The council discussed the March 21st Scholarship Fundraiser as our first official event of the year. A call was made to all leading initiatives to keep council members privy to any support they need in the months ahead.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm following a motion made by Tracey and seconded by Raje. All approved.

The next meeting will be 2/7/2024 at 7pm.