GLASS TOWN CULTURAL DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES: FEBRUARY 16, 2022  
LOCATION: via Zoom, hosted by Sandwich Public Library  
3:30 P.M.

Present:  
Katie Campbell, Charleen Johnson, Paula Johnson, Joanne Lamothe, Jeanne Prendergast, Anne Scott-Putney, Rob Vinciguerra, Ralph Vitacco

Absent:  
Lee Repetto, Diane Scharf

Guest:  
Mary McKenna

Call to Order:  
Chair Jeanne Prendergast called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2022 Meeting:  
Motion to approve: Joanne Lamothe; seconded: Paula Johnson; in favor:  
Katie Campbell, Charleen Johnson, Jeanne Prendergast, Rob Vinciguerra, Ralph Vitacco; motion passed.

Financials:  
Funds held by Town:
  General funds $ 95.00
  The MCC grant of $7500 has been approved but not yet received.

Friends Account:
  Balance as of 1/19/22 2,804.69
  Income:
    Bank interest .03
    Sold: 1 paperweight 40.00
    Income Earned This Period 40.03
    Total Income 2,844.72
  Expenses:
    None -0-
  Balance as of 2/16/22, Friends Acct 2,844.72

Total, Combined Accounts $ 2,939.72

Report on Obelisk Paperweight Sales:
  We had 5 on hand.
  Spotted Cod sold 1 at $40.00.
  We have 4 remaining.

  Michael Magyar suggested and, on January 19, we directed him to make an additional 25 to have on hand. He stated he would make them ASAP. $25/each. Total cost $625. Charleen was asked to check to see when we will receive delivery.
We also gave him permission to make, at no cost to us, an additional 10 to give as gifts to artists who helped him on our project. They will be numbered 190-200.

**Report of Chairperson:**

Town Annual Report –
Jeanne submitted the material for the GTCD section.
Ralph will check with Heather on our suggestion that they use one of our obelisk photos on the cover.

Chamber of Commerce Summer Guide –
Jeanne submitted the print material and photographs for inclusion in the Summer Guide.

Podcast –
Jeanne did a podcast with Melinda Gallant for the new Sandwich streaming radio station. Paula will send copies to the GTCD steering committee.

**Guest Mary McKenna:**

Background: Architect, recently moved to Sandwich from Winchester where she was, and still remains, a member of the Winchester Cultural District.

Fundraising: Mary suggested we look into the Covid Recovery Act’s allocation to Sandwich to see if GTCD could obtain a portion of the funds. Ralph reported that the allocation of $4,000,000, of which $2,000,000 has been received, has already been fully allocated for items such as roads and capital equipment. Mary also suggested that the MCC may be receiving additional funding for distribution so we should keep an eye out for that.

Mary suggested we look into attaching Satellite Districts to the GTCD. This would alleviate any problems we could run into with projects in places like the new Town Hall and the new Center for Active Living.

**Future Projects:**

Joanne Lamothe – Asked if the GTCD would be interested in co-sponsoring, along with the Friends of the Library, a June 1st outdoor event featuring the Hyannis Sound. Cost to co-sponsor: $500. Katie Campbell made a motion that we accept the offer to co-sponsor this event at a cost of $500 to the GTCD. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. All committee members voted in favor. Joanne will submit an invoice for payment and provide further information as the date gets closer.
In reviewing the list of projects suggested at our January meeting, Anne Scott-Putney reminded us to keep in mind (a) our budget constraints and (b) time involved.

Jeanne reminded us that we do have to do something educational in order to meet the requirements of the grants we received for the obelisk project. She suggested we do a “Meet the Artist Event.” Hold it at the obelisk location. Have Michael Magyar there to talk about the project. Do publicity beforehand to get people there. Reach out to the schools so that the children can be there to learn.

Katie suggested a digital educational experience, perhaps on YouTube (Paula), featuring Michael Magyar explaining the thought process and the components of the obelisk project. Paula noted that we already have a video explaining the project.

Paula will call Tricia MacDonald at the Recreation Department to see if she has any suggestions for our teaming up with the Rec Department on an educational project.

Anne suggested taking part in SandwichFest and include an educational component: show the video, include a craft project for the kids, sell paperweights, have Michael Magyar there. Paula and Katie will discuss this idea with the Chamber at their next meeting.

Paula reported that SCTV has started a Self-Guided Virtual Tour Project and will be continuing it. However, they need funding in order to hire needed voice-over artists and historians. Paula is requesting the GTCD Steering Committee consider helping with the funding. In return, we will receive publicity in connection with the project. Paula and Jeanne will meet to discuss this idea further.

**SUMMARY OF IDEAS WE WISH TO PURSUE FURTHER:**

1. **Hyannis Sound Concert in June** - team up with the Friends of the Sandwich Library to co-sponsor this event.

2. **SandwichFest/Recreation Department** – collaborative effort, with Michael Magyar interacting for the educational component. Katie and Paula will discuss with the Chamber.

3. **Self-guided Virtual Tour of Sandwich**. Paula and Jeanne will meet to discuss this further.

The Quilt Project will be put on the back burner for now.

Ralph Vitacco will, in the meantime, reach out to the 2023 Tea Party event people to see if we can partner with them somehow on our cemetery tour.

Regarding the storytelling project, Rob will look into getting other groups to host an event and we would sponsor it: the Library? Titcombs? the Arts Alliance?
**Fundraising** – This item will appear on our agenda for March. Everyone should be thinking of ways to raise funds. Selling miniature obelisks is not sustainable.

**Next meeting** – Wednesday, March 16 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. Joanne will look into the availability of the Library for our Steering Committee meeting to be held in person in April – Wednesday, April 20th.

There being no further business to attend to, Ralph Vitacco made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Rob Vinciguerra; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charleen L. Johnson
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Secretary