Connecticut Arts Council Meeting
Monday, July 1, 2024
1:00 pm
Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Floyd Green, Dwayne Harris, Jacqui Hubbard, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Andrew Linde, Judy McElhone, Sarah McKay, Jack Rosenberg, Elizabeth Shapiro, and Brian Walters
Staff: Mel Díaz and Tamara Dimitri

Call to Order
Chairman Jack Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Rosenberg asked if there were any comments, questions, or edits to the minutes. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the June meeting minutes.

> *Motion to approve the minutes of the June 3rd meeting.*
> Motion: F. Green | Second: J. McElhone | Discussion: No additional discussion.
> In favor: 9, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0
> June meeting minutes approved.

Director's Report
Director Elizabeth Shapiro gave a PowerPoint presentation on Art Pharmacy as COA hopes to partner with them to provide social prescribing benefits in CT. She explained that Art Pharmacy is the sole commercial social prescribing company in the United States. Once partnered, COA's job would be to make as many introductions as possible, and Art Pharmacy would establish a network and become a preferred provider for Medicare. The Council was excited about this opportunity and asked to be kept informed of future developments.

Committee for the Governor's Arts Awards
Council Member Andrew Linde reported that as he is doing outreach for the Governor's Awards and the Council, he noticed that several links connected to COA were not working. Program Specialist Tamara Dimitri explained that some of the links were down when COA transitioned to its new website, but all links should be working properly.

Linde then gave updates on the Governor's Arts Awards. He stated that there were two confirmations, and the Committee was looking to have a maximum of five honorees. While still awaiting answers from DECD's legal department, the Committee continues to make connections and plan the event.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg provided an update on the CT Arts Foundation. He stated that since becoming an independent 501(c)(3), they have received their first donations, hired a CEO, and launched their website and social media accounts. They hope to be able to start accepting grant applications after the new year, which they hope to contract out to COA as a process is already in place.

Going forward, the Council, Foundation, and COA will be tightly aligned and provide services and support to artists in CT.

Other Business

There was no "other business" to discuss.

Adjournment

Chairman Rosenberg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

> *Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 pm.*
> Motion: F. Green | Second: S. McKay | Discussion: No additional discussion.
> In favor: 7, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0
> The meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.