

# Londonderry Arts Council Meeting

4/11/2024

*In attendance (at Town Hall Moose Hill Council Chambers):*

Officers: Larry Casey (Chairperson), Stephanie Miville (Vice Chairperson), Karen Giguere (Treasurer), Stephen Lee (Secretary)

Voting members: Cit Waters, Dasha Bulatova, Greg Descoteaux, Jan McLaughlin

***We have a quorum for tonight's meeting.***

Volunteers: Richard Flyer, Julie Lee

Visitors: None

## LAC WORKING GROUPS

**Youth Art Contest** (Karen Giguere, Cit Waters)

**Literary Magazine** (Dasha Bulatova, Larry Casey, Jan McLaughlin)

**Concerts on the Common** (Stephen Lee, Larry Casey, Steph Miville)

**Arts Café** (Karen Giguere, Larry Casey, Greg Descoteaux)

*Note: Notes from previous meetings, left in for reference, are in italics.*

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## **Opening Remarks / Welcome New Volunteers (Larry Casey)**

- Welcome!

## **Art in Action (Cit Waters, Karen Giguere)**

- Discussed using the Senior Center.

### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- Larry said that we may be able to hold Art in Action at the Mayflower Grange/Senior Center.
- The Director of Senior Affairs, Ilona Arndt, is very supportive of our activities.

## **Arts Café (Karen Giguere, Larry Casey, Greg Descoteaux)**

- We aren't getting charged by the Senior Center to use the facility.
- Everyone is lined up for the event this Saturday.
- There will be nine artists.

### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Will be held on Saturday, April 13*
- *Held at the Senior Center.*
- *Will do a 50/50 raffle*

## **Concerts on the Common (Stephen Lee, Larry Casey, Steph Miville)**

- Great response on Facebook to the concert schedule.
- Fundraising is ongoing. We are currently about \$2300 in the black.
- Doing one more email blast with the Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce. It went out today.
- Children's Concert with Library
  - Mr. Aaron Band is booked.
  - School back up for bad weather is all set.
  - Great response on Facebook to this event.
- Larry, Stephen and Julie will present this summer's concert schedule to the Town Council. Need to schedule this with the town.
- Considering having cornhole before some of the concerts to help folks meet new people and promote community.
- Will have a line dancing lesson before the Martin and Kelly concert.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *We voted Stephen, Larry and Steph to be the “working group” for this activity. We voted to give **them authority to make all decisions relevant to this activity.***
- *Average outdoor attendance was 592. High was 907 for Studio Two (final concert).*

#### **Creative Ground (Larry Casey)**

- No update.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Larry discussed using this group to make connections with local artists. It is a non-profit organization to link arts groups with artists.*
- *Artists can share their work and activities on the website.*
- *There are thousands of artists in the database. You can filter by location, and send messages to the filtered group.*
- *We can use this connect with local artists.*
- *Larry registered LAC with the organization.*

#### **LAC Blog / Social Media (Dasha Bulatova, Steph Miville)**

- No update.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Steph and Jan will send ideas.*

#### **LAC Financial Report (Karen Giguere, Stephen Lee)**

- No update.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *\$9418 on the music side.*
- *\$2238 on the art side.*

#### **Library Artists (Jan McLaughlin)**

- No news.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Jan said that all of 2024 is booked with artists.*

### **Library Children's Room Mural (Dasha Bulatova)**

- The mural is done! By all accounts it looks great!
- Dasha will submit a check request to the town to pay our portion of the mural artist cost.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *We will split the stipend cost of \$500 with the library.*

### **Membership/Officers (Larry Casey)**

- No update.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Larry will continue as chairman.*
- *Steph is stepping away from the vice chair role. She would like to open it to someone else. Greg expressed an interest and we will address this role when Steph is in attendance.*
- *Stephen will continue as Secretary unless someone else would like to take the position.*
- *Jan will take over Karen's role as Treasurer, starting April 1.*

### **Old Home Day (Jan McLaughlin)**

- No update.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Jan's "spinning art" was a **hit** with the kids at OHD.*
- *Will have the same space/location as in 2023.*
- *We should have more help for next year – our booth and spin art activity was very popular!*

### **Plein Air Artist Event (Larry Casey, Steph Miville)**

- Larry and Steph met with John Shevenell from NHAA (NH Artists Association) to organize a plein air event in Londonderry. John is very excited about holding this event in Londonderry. He thinks the scenic locations we offer will be very popular with artists.
  - Trying to target the event to held when the apple blossoms will be in full bloom.
  - Discussed taking photos of the artwork to include in Wild Apples. Also, take a group shot of the artists.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *New event.*

### **Senior Center / For The Love of Music (Greg Descoteaux , Larry Casey)**

- There was a full house at the last event, about 70 in the audience and 10 performers.
- Very successful event!

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *This event is held quarterly.*

### **State of New Hampshire Grant Application (Larry Casey, Steph Miville, Jan McLaughlin, Stephen Lee)**

- Steph has downloaded this year's NH Art's Grant paperwork. This will be our fifth year.
  - We need three letters of support for the grant. Need to find folks to do this.
  - Larry will work on the narrative.
  - Stephen will work on the budget.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *We were awarded \$5400 for 2024!*

### **Wild Apples Literary Magazine (Dasha Bulatova, Larry Casey, Jan McLaughlin)**

- Dasha handed out flyers for everyone to distribute – everywhere!
- A press release has been put out. This event has been in the Derry News.
- Dasha has been getting submittals – poems, a video, etc.
- Need to determine how submittals will be approved/accepted for the publication.
- Dasha will use our Mail Chimp account to put out a call to submitters.
- Larry suggested approaching the high school for submitters.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *We voted Dasha, Larry and Jan to be the “working group” for this activity. **We voted to give them authority to make all decisions relevant to this activity.***
- *Annual publication, published around Spring 2025.*
- *It has a dedicated email address, [WildApples@londonderryartscouncil.org](mailto:WildApples@londonderryartscouncil.org).*
- *Submissions are now open.*

### **Youth Art Contest (Karen Giguere, Cit Waters)**

- No update.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *This is the fourth year of the contest – yay!*

### Misc. Items (All)

- Kirsten Hildonen: We got town email accounts with our names for @tolboards.com. She sent everyone detailed instructions.
  - Stephen: Update all of our website/Google Groups forwarded email addresses from folks' personal to their new town email address.
  - Larry will send out a list of our email addresses.

### Notes from Previous Meetings

- *Maybe work with them to rekindle Art in Action. Cit will consider. She may want to rebrand AiA, since we are having trouble finding a good venue for the artists.*

- Next meeting is Thursday **May 9, 2024.**