

# Lower Paxton Township Arts Council Meeting held March 3, 2021

Members attending at the Municipal Building: Patricia Crawford, Sandra McKeehan. Stan Smith and Grace Newsome participated remotely.

Staff Liaison: Rachelle Scott

Guest Participants: Jim Milbrand attending at the Municipal Building and Caleb Flick via remote connection.

The following items were discussed:

## 1. Concert at Heroes' Grove

Caleb Flick outlined his previously submitted proposal that the Arts Council join in supporting an annual concert by Jim Milbrand's Vintage Brass that has been presented for several years in the past as a community event by Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. For the 2021 program, Jim and the Brass have constructed a "strictly apolitical" program entitled "Our America", featuring music by Elvis Presley, Dave Brubeck, Morton Gould, and Aaron Copland and others.

Pursuant to a motion by Sandy McKeehan, seconded by Pat Crawford and approved by the members present, the Arts Council will be a supporter of the event to be held at Heroes' Grove. The proposed date is Sunday, May 23 at 3:00 p.m. with a proposed rain date of Monday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m.

## 2. Lower Paxton Variety Band

Jim Milbrand presented a written report of existing plans for 2021 to date and budgetary information. Rachelle will mail copies of the report to members who were not physically present. There was discussion of insurance coverage for the Band. Insurance had been suspended for most of 2020, and the question is still outstanding as to whether the band has coverage under the Township policy. Rachelle will attempt to get further information on the status of this question.

There was also discussion of the issue of providing rehearsal space for the band, since there are limitations on use of the space at the Friendship Center.

## 3. Art

In Lori Rogers' absence there was no information as to up-dates on status of obtaining artists for web page or display at Irigo's. Pat will ask Lori if she has anything that she can email to Arts Council members in advance of the next meeting.

## 4. Book Discussions

Pat Crawford indicated that only four people responded to her request for input from prior participants and that reaction was mixed in terms of response to specific future preferences. Pat will follow up with another memo to the list since only one person requested to be dropped.

5. Proposed Request to CEC for Funding of Music Apparatus in Brightbill Park  
Pat Crawford had sent an email to Arts Council members in advance of the meeting, showing links to possible acquisitions with space requirements and generalized cost information.

Rachelle will follow up to determine the location and amount of space that might be available for placement of musical equipment. Other Arts Council members were encouraged to use the links to the catalog to determine if they might want to recommend any pieces other than those that had been singled out.

#### 6. Other Matters

In terms of any long-range plans, Pat Crawford passed along that Denise Hussar had approached her about possible participation of the Arts Council in the Kriskindlmarkt planned for December 2021 in Linglestown Square. More on this may follow in coming months.

The next meeting of the Arts Council is scheduled for April 7, 2021 at 4:00p.m.

Submitted by Pat Crawford.