

Lower Paxton Township Arts Council Meeting held June 2, 2021

Members attending were Patricia Crawford, Sandra McKeehan, Grace Newsome, and Stan Smith.

Staff Liaison: Rachelle Scott

The following items were discussed:

1. Administrative Matters

a. Request to expand Arts Council to seven members

Rachelle Scott has received advice from Township staff that there is no legal bar to an increase in the number of members who may serve on the Arts Council. After discussion, it was agreed to request the Township Supervisors to change the membership limit from five to seven. Pat Crawford will draft a proposed letter setting forth the request and rationale for the change and submit the draft for review by members and staff.

Stan Smith provided contact information for Laurie Helms, an artist involved in a new business on Linglestown Road who has expressed interest in the Arts Council.

b. Variety Band

Rachelle Scott is in touch with Jim Milbrand regarding rehearsal space and payment of the insurance premiums. Rachelle will ask Jim for any ideas regarding music at the CEC 5K race in July, since the Band will not be available for the event.

2. Art at Irigo's

Sandy McKeehan's work remains on display until a display of another artist's work can be facilitated.

Pat Crawford contacted Susan Fink, a student artist who had expressed interest, and received a response indicating that she is not interested in pursuing the matter at this time but may be interested later.

The Arts Council will continue to pursue inclusion of information about Lower Paxton artists on the Township's web page.

3. Book Discussions

Pat Crawford is proposing that the Book Discussion group be invited to an on-site event at the Township Building featuring author Sherry Knowlton who could read from her latest book **Dead in the Delta** and also present a slide show of photographs featuring the book's locale, which is Botswana. Pat has contacted Sherry to determine her interest and possible dates.

4. Proposed Up-dating of Signs in George Park

Rachelle has still not heard from Janice Creason regarding the sign replacement, but has been given the name of a student mural artist who is recommended by Jim Seidler as someone who may be competent to design and carry out the project.

The next meeting of the Arts Council is scheduled for Wednesday July 7 at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.