

**Hallowell Arts and Cultural Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 6:00-6:45 PM at The Harlow
Minutes**

Present: Deb Fahy (Chair), Jonathan French (Secretary), Annemarie Kromhout, Chris Cart, Bob McIntire

A. Account Status and Committee Reports

- Deb mentioned that the Committee account through Vision Hallowell had a total of \$1281.00.
- Being an official Committee to the city, there should be a report provided to the Council each month. The report will be based on the minutes of the previous month's meeting.

B. Organizational Updates

The following updates were provided to the Committee:

- Hubbard Free Library: The Library is holding a Poinsettia sale with orders needed by November 5th with deliveries to occur on December 7th. The Friends of the Hubbard Library will be holding an auction with proceeds to benefit the Library in December. The Winter Reading Program preparation continues and the theme will be Candy Land with the Library being transformed into the Candy Land game. Scrummy Ever Afters will also have two candy making demonstrations with the second to occur around Valentine's Day 2020. The front doors of the library needed to be removed and repaired due to carpenter ant damage but will return soon.
- Row House: The Row House is having their final presentation for their 50th anniversary series titled "From Then 'til Now: Hallowell Highlights 1850-2019" by Frank O'Hara on October 30th at 7:00 PM in Hallowell City Hall. There will be a 50th anniversary party for the Row House at the home of Walter McKee on the evening of November 9th.
- Hallowell Age Friendly Committee: The first newsletter was distributed with good feedback and the Committee is working on the next newsletter to feature Hallowell's music scene which will be distributed in February. The Committee will be looking for more public partnerships to sponsor and provide content. Expanding the newsletter to more pages is also a possibility if more content is wanted by sponsors.
- Vaughan Homestead : Kate Trembley would like to coordinate with other events around the bicentennial and was wondering if the Historic Hallowell Committee could be reactivated. The state seal is something that should be incorporated into multiple bicentennial events in Hallowell throughout 2020.
- Vision Hallowell: There were 200 responses to a survey regarding the Maine Lutheirs Showcase which took place during Maine Craft Weekend. The \$10,000 grant from the Maine Tourism Association has been used to reimburse various advertisers for the event.

C. Hallowell History Mural

- Chris Cart reported that his mural was about 2/3 complete and would be finished by early December with minor alterations to occur until installation in Spring 2020.
- The Committee recommended that the mural unveiling be part of a larger event.
- The matching grant from Kennebec Savings Bank has been fulfilled and he is still working on his second Indiegogo campaign .
- “Open Studio” days have seen good attendance with a peak of 120 people visiting during the Maine Luthiers Showcase.

D. Maine Stone Workers Guild 2020 Symposium

- The Committee will invite the Stone Workers Guild to the November meeting to continue to plan the 2020 Symposium .
- A location has yet to be determined for any carvings the City may wish to purchase.
- The Vaughan Homestead will provide accommodations for artists at its annex on Bridge Street during the Symposium

E. Sculptor in Residence Project

- Jon Doody will be suspending work on the sturgeon carving before winter and will finish in the spring of 2020.
- A location has yet to be determined for the carving with Granite City Park continuing to be explored as a location.

F. September Meeting Minutes

A clarification was provided by the Secretary about the September meeting minutes: The Maine Stone Workers Guild had not yet endorsed the Symposium at one of their formal meetings, but had given verbal support and had written a letter of support for the Bicentennial grant when the minutes were taken. The Guild was expected to formally endorse the event.

The minutes were approved without objection.

G. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled on December 4th at Vaughan Homestead at 6 PM. The January meeting date had yet to be determined.

Submitted by Jonathan French, Secretary