# MINUTES

## Greater Dover Arts Council
## April 14, 2016, 3:30PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chevis Anderson, Sydney Arzt, Margie Cyr, Caroline Greene, Paul Janiga, Cynthia Witt, Sarah Zimmerman

Chevis called the meeting to order at 3:40 P.M.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2015 MINUTES**
Paul made a motion to accept the minutes from November 19, 2015 as written. Sarah seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**BUDGET REQUEST**
Chevis reported to the Board that he has submitted a budget request to the Mayor for $3,000 to support the Arts Awards banquet, publications and promotional items and for anything else that could be used to grow the Arts Council.

**MAYOR'S ARTS AWARD/YOUTH ARTS AWARD DEADLINE**
Caroline expressed her concern about the late start on the Arts Award project. In her experience, the Board should have been promoting the project back in January. Caroline also suggested re-evaluating the Youth Arts Award to see if this award is a value added to the students; perhaps the money spent on an awards banquet would be better used for scholarships instead. She believes the time has passed to make this project a success this year. Chevis believes this is the Mayor's council and that he should be included in any changes to the process.

After much discussion, Paul made a motion to establish a deadline for Arts Award submissions of June 3, 2016, with the provision that if we don't get sufficient nominations we may extend the deadline to June 17, 2016. Sarah seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. Chevis offered to take the brochures around to all the schools himself.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR'S ARTS AWARD/YOUTH ARTS AWARD BROCHURE**
The Board reviewed and updated the current brochure. Margie will make the changes to the brochure and get it printed tomorrow. Cynthia asked Margie to send a PDF of the updated brochure to the Board. Sarah made a motion to accept the brochure as corrected. Paul seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**SENDAK**
Margie reported that the Children's Theater will be doing a performance of "Really Rosie" at the Schwartz Center to kick-off the Sendak Exhibit on July 30. The library is also working on something with the Biggs Museum and she will email more information when it becomes available. Sydney reported that the Schwartz Center is working with the Dover High Dance Academy, who are trying to coordinate "Where the Wild Things Are" in ballet.

**4th OF JULY WEEKEND**
At the last meeting, the Board decided to focus on next years' 4th of July event. Sarah informed everyone that next year is the 300th anniversary of Dover and many special events will be happening all year long.

**CHOOSE DATE TO REVIEW PACKETS**
After some discussion, the Board chose Thursday, June 23 to review packets.

Cynthia suggested that serving cookies and punch in the lobby of City Council chambers is fine as a recognition for the award winners. On behalf of the Schwartz Center, Sydney offered to donate tickets as part of a gift package for the winners.

Caroline believes the focus would be better served in seeking out those exemplary artists in our community, rather than what we are going to give to the winners. The Council needs to get out in the community and really pursue and recruit these artists.
Sydney volunteered to write up a press release for the newspapers; the library will create an ad. Cynthia suggested seeing if we can work with the Downtown Dover Partnership. Sarah thought perhaps DDP could host our brochure on their website; Margie offered to reach out to them about this. Chevis asked that everyone give him a progress update via email in a couple of weeks.

Sarah asked if the Board could plan out its meetings for the next year. After discussion, the following meeting dates were agreed upon:

June 23, 2016
September 8, 2016 –
Planning meeting to discuss: revamping the Youth arts awards; 4th of July event
November 10, 2016
January 12, 2017
March 9, 2017
May 11, 2017

Chevis mentioned that according to the GDAC bylaws, Board members are required to attend 50% of meetings; therefore, no more than 2 meetings should be missed for reasons other than emergencies. Moving forward, he would like the Board to adhere to this policy.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING**: Thursday, June 23, 2016