

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

January 16, 2019

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at the New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:35pm on January 16, 2019. Board Members Richard Melton, Kelly Smallwood, Ruth Ann Jackson, Gina DiGregorio, and staff liaison KC Quaretti were in attendance. (Lisa Marie Dolcy also arrived during the meeting.)

The Minutes presented from the December 19, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- All in attendance received a copy of meeting attendance for the past year.
- Florida Humanities Speaker Series Brochure – (distribution) The brochures are at the printer. The CAC will be notified when the brochures are available to pick up and distribute. The CAC is encouraged to attend all of Florida Humanities Speakers events.
- Bike Rack – (Proposal Packet) Bob Smallwood is going to meet with the group next week to get the proposal packet ready. This will be reviewed next month.
- Smithsonian Museum Traveling Exhibit - (Opening Reception) Preparations are in the works for the exhibit; speakers are being contacted, school field trips are being arranged, staffing the museum with volunteers is being scheduled. There is a meeting about it that KC is going to on 1/18/19. (Rich wants information from that meeting.) The CAC will reach out to various individuals and groups to assist with staffing/volunteering.
- Sculpture Walk packet - The Application and packet are with the C.M.
- Holiday Decorating Contest - Winners Awards - Ruth Ann has the fake checks to present and take photos with; Rich wants to present the checks as a group (Rich will invite the Mayor). The CAC will meet at Dream Bubbles on January 31st at 4:45pm, then go to Job Connections at 5pm, and then go to Sip at 5:15pm. KC will take pictures. (The real checks will be given to them at another time.)
- 5-Year Plan Ideas – (Written) There was more discussion about future plans/goals for the CAC. Rich wants a living document created with the plan and updated as time goes along. Ruth Ann said she will create the document and it can be updated on her laptop at each meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The CAC By-Laws were distributed to all present (and will be mailed to all that were not in attendance).

VOX POP:

- There was a review of the Winter Art Show; KC shared a Thank You Card from one of the children that received an award for his artwork. The CAC would like to see pictures of the winners posted on Facebook. They would also like to see the artwork left on display for awhile after the event is over.
- There was a suggestion that a Chalk Art Festival be added into the 5-Year Plan.
- The appearance of the cross-walk at Sims Park was briefly discussed.
- Lisa would like KC to send her pictures from the Winter Art Show.
- The next meeting will be held in the Recreation and Aquatic Center on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:30pm.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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