

Members Attending: Carol Vidal, Nancy Whitin, Tom Pierce, Rob Delgaudio, Merri Cyr, Midori Evans, Ned Daniels

Guests: Martha Moffitt, Paula Gauthier

Minutes: Accepted as presented

Treasurer's Report: Tom Pierce walked us through the report as presented. For Helen Ellis we'll be about three thousand dollars unencumbered from last year. Merri confirmed that she'd not request her allotted three thousand from her HE grant, thus leaving the Helen Ellis with a total of \$61,000 for distribution this coming grant period.

Old Business:

Artist in Residence: This section of the meeting began with a discussion about the Artist in Residence Program. Potential artists were discussed: RISD; Boston; students. Advertising the program is an issue as to whether to begin now, knowing that funding would not be confirmed until May. This could mean that if the WCC waits until that time frame, it may be too late to get interest from students and faculty who might be possible applicants. It was decided to informally allow Merri to move forward with the advertising now. She will work with Paula Gauthier on the advertising strategy.

Film Series: Rob shared that he is working towards getting an approval for the first film. He and Merri are considering a "silent film" with accompanied music. Rob has contacted "Manhattan" shorts, and a DVD may be available at \$50 to \$60; this would allow many options as the committee moves forward.

Website Progress: Rob spoke of this. He encouraged us to integrate our individual email as related to the website. The WCC must complete an initial application for the site. The WMHS student working on the project has been very professional to work with. Rob said that he has been posting on the site.

Need for New Members: Carol shared that she'll stay on in a non-voting capacity as *ex officio*, consulting and training with members and assisting the new president. She discussed how she works with MCC and the Bank of America to complete the State form and HE grant for our allotments for the arts.

A motion was made and seconded for Carol to act in a consulting capacity as *Ex Officio* to the WCC for the coming time frame, 2023-2024.

Another motion followed to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the WCC is Wednesday, April 5, 2023, @ 6:00 p.m., the Town Hall Annex.