

Amherst Cultural Council
March 3, 2020 Meeting
Jones Library, Goodwin Room
Minutes

1, The meeting came to order at 4:10. Present were Arthur Pero, Cole Graber-Mitchell, Gina Chaplain, Jennifer Lind, Julianne Applegate, Cyndi Harbeson, and Gigi Barnhill.

2. Gigi announced that Gina Chaplain would rotate off the Council due to personal reasons when her term expires at the end of June. Cyndi Harbeson has notified the town manager's office. The Council will be looking for a successor. We are sorry to see Gina depart and hope she will return when her situation changes. In the meantime, we hope she will remain involved in Amherst's cultural life. Gina sent many notices of the event to her friends in the community.

3. Most of the rest of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the PechaKucha event on March 12. We all have assignments!

The meeting that Julianne hosted ten days ago resulted in a new Facebook page, an Instagram account, and I'm not sure what else. We are up and running on social media.

Cole will look into creating a Google group for the ACC which will help us when another event like this occurs. Either he or Arthur will look into Mailchimp, although there is no rush at this moment.

Arthur will take pictures at the event of the presenters, Paul Bockleman, and ACC members with guests. He is also working up a Spotify play list for the second half of the event.

Jen will drop off a clicker at Bistro 63 and around 3 p.m. for use during the event. She also will print off a couple of large copies of the poster for the chalkboard on the sidewalk. She will drop these off as well. Her husband Josh will be performing during the first half of the evening.

Julie announced that Michael Zide will be unable to perform. She will check with Richard Michelson to see if he can participate.

Gigi will prepare a handout with artists' bios and website information and tinker with the form for people to sign up for future events, both general programming and KP evenings. She will contact Rasif to make sure that the sound system will be available and to warn him that several ACC members will be on hand around 4 p.m.

She has a print out of the email addresses of this year's grantees and will send them all notices about the event. We decided tables against the walls and chairs placed comfortably in the room. I'll ask about using the chalkboard for the posters as well. Bar should open at 5 p.m. The poster and link to the PK page have been sent to area artists by the BID, Gallery A3, and the Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists. We should all send notices to interested friends.

Rachel cannot come early but will happy to help with clean up.

Julie made up a list for what she and her family will be bringing—video equipment, tripods, computers, and yes, the fish bowl for donations.

This amount of help is wonderful! We could not manage to undertake this event without the participation of all the members. Thank you all!

4. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gigi Barnhill, secretary, pro tem