

## **Brewer Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 3/17/2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Brewer City Hall

### **I. Call to Order: 6:00 PM**

- II. Roll Call:** Soubanh Phanthay, Michele LaBree Daniels, Kathleen Kramer, Ashlie Beals, Mandy Oullette-Clark, Ann Colson, Steve Wong, Tammy Lunn, Lee Omart, Edner Fago

### **III. Old Business**

**A. Adoption of February Meeting Minutes**

- Motion to adopt by Amanda Clark
- Seconded by Ashlie Beals
- The motion passed unanimously

**B. For new members:** [How to view different tabs in a google doc](#) (video)

**C. Absenteeism protocol request:** Please send Tammy a text message if you will not be in attendance: [207.659.4701](tel:207.659.4701)

### **IV. New Business**

**A. New Members**

- One vacant position remains open.
- Secretary role is still unfilled.
- The search for both a new member and a secretary will continue.

**B. 50/50 Raffle (Ann Colson)**

- Discussion of the 50/50 raffle bypassed for now, per Ann Colson request
- Brief discussion on raising funds and how that would result in requiring a treasurer.

**C. Riverwalk Festival Update**

- Preliminary volunteer list created; will be updated as needed.
- Online volunteer sign-up sheet to be posted in April
- Sponsorship Update: \$11,000 raised toward the \$15,000 goal.
- Events & Logistics:
  - BSB preparing giveaway bags for craft fair attendees.
  - Business outreach letters sent, offering free vendor tables on Center Street.
  - Non-profits to be placed along the Riverwalk.
  - Need ideas to utilize the Children's Garden area.

- Craft fair vendor sign-up deadline is one week before the event.
- Expecting approximately 50 craft tables and 10 food trucks.
- Beer Garden/Alcohol Tent near Mark's Music with security provided by Jeff's Catering.
- Contacting Bangor Art Festival to gauge interest in participating.
- Music Slot Needed: Looking for a volunteer musician/band for 4:30-7:30 PM.
- Renee Doble will post updates on social media for further sharing.
- Pickleball Tournament Discussion:
  - Tammy Lunn met with Mike Martin and Amy Cyr.
  - Event is detailed but feasible to pursue.
  - Suggestion to have Brewer Hometown Band perform near the Children's Garden to attract visitors.
- BACC/WAA Table:
  - Need for flyer design and a BACC logo (Edner to design).
  - Inclusion of BACC information with a QR code linking to a Google Form for
    - Volunteer sign-up
    - Community feedback

#### **D. Collaboration**

##### **a. Annual Project Adoption**

- Michele LaBree suggests formalizing the adoption of projects each March & April.

##### **b. Proposed Native American Heritage Event (Fall)**

- Potential event for celebration of Native American culture through dance, music, art, history, and agriculture.
- Action Items:
  - Lee Omart to contact Kirk Francis for collaboration.
  - Edner Fago to assist Lee in outreach.
  - Tammy Lunn to connect with Mike Martin & Parks & Recreation.
  - Possible location: Children's Garden (has electricity).
  - Outreach to Four Directions organization.
  - Proposed Dates: September 27 (Primary), October 11 (Secondary).

##### **c. Summer Chalk Walk Proposal**

- Steve Wong proposes a Chalk Walk event, offering \$100 in prizes.

#### **E. Public Comment**

N/A

#### **F. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn by Ashlie Beals
- Seconded by Ann Colson.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Adoption of Upcoming Events
- Formation of Subcommittees
- Riverwalk Festival Updates
- New Member and Secretary Role Updates
- Native American Heritage Event Update (Lee)
- Collaboration & Public Comments