

# Londonderry Arts Council Meeting

3/14/2024

*In attendance (at Town Hall Moose Hill Council Chambers):*

Officers: Larry Casey (Chairperson), Stephanie Miville (Vice Chairperson), Karen Giguere (Treasurer), Stephen Lee (Secretary)

Voting members: Cit Waters, Dasha Bulatova, Greg Descoteaux, Jan McLaughlin

***We have a quorum for tonight's meeting.***

Volunteers: Richard Flyer, Julie Lee

Visitors: Kirsten Hildonen

## LAC WORKING GROUPS

**Youth Art Contest** (Karen Giguere, Cit Waters)

**Literary Magazine** (Dasha Bulatova, Larry Casey, Jan McLaughlin)

**Concerts on the Common** (Stephen Lee, Larry Casey, Steph Miville)

**Arts Café** (Karen Giguere, Larry Casey, Greg Descoteaux)

*Note: Notes from previous meetings, left in for reference, are in italics.*

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## Opening Remarks / Welcome New Volunteers (Larry Casey)

- Welcome!

## Art in Action (Cit Waters, Karen Giguere)

- No update.

### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- Larry said that we may be able to hold Art in Action at the Mayflower Grange/Senior Center.
- The Director of Senior Affairs, Ilona Arndt, is very supportive of our activities.

## Arts Café (Karen Giguere, Larry Casey, Greg Descoteaux)

- Karen is on vacation.
- Jan will do kids' activities.
- All of the artists are booked.
- Greg will contact the Senior Coordinate so she puts this event on the senior activities calendar. Also, will ask her when we can have access to the center to set it up.
- Greg will work with Karen on a budget and any other items that need to be covered.
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### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Will be held on Saturday, April 13*
- *Held at the Senior Center.*
- *Will do a 50/50 raffle*

## Concerts on the Common (Stephen Lee, Larry Casey, Steph Miville)

- All the concert dates are booked. Announcing the schedule on Facebook this weekend.
- Fundraising is ongoing.
- Children's Concert with Library
  - Donna Plante is working to book a band.
- Larry, Stephen and Julie will present this summer's concert schedule to the Town Council. Need to schedule this with the town.

### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *We voted Stephen, Larry and Steph to be the "working group" for this activity. We voted to give **them authority to make all decisions relevant to this activity.***
- *Average outdoor attendance was 592. High was 907 for Studio Two (final concert).*

### **Creative Ground (Larry Casey)**

- No update.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Larry discussed using this group to make connections with local artists. It is a non-profit organization to link arts groups with artists.*
- *Artists can share their work and activities on the website.*
- *There are thousands of artists in the database. You can filter by location, and send messages to the filtered group.*
- *We can use this connect with local artists.*
- *Larry registered LAC with the organization.*

### **LAC Blog / Social Media (Dasha Bulatova, Steph Miville)**

- No update.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Steph and Jan will send ideas.*

### **LAC Financial Report (Karen Giguere, Stephen Lee)**

- No update.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *\$9418 on the music side.*
- *\$2238 on the art side.*

### **Library Artists (Jan McLaughlin)**

- Jan said that all of 2024 is booked with artists. Yay!
- The Youth Art Contest winners are on display now.

#### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

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### **Library Children's Room Mural (Dasha Bulatova)**

- The mural is done! By all accounts it looks great!
- Dasha will submit a check request to the town to pay our portion of the mural artist cost.

### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *We will split the stipend cost of \$500 with the library.*

### **Membership/Officers (Larry Casey)**

- No update.
- We voted on officers for 2024.

### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Larry will continue as chairman.*
- *Steph is stepping away from the vice chair role. She would like to open it to someone else. Greg expressed an interest and we will address this role when Steph is in attendance.*
- *Stephen will continue as Secretary unless someone else would like to take the position.*
- *Jan will take over Karen's role as Treasurer, starting April 1.*

### **Old Home Day (Jan McLaughlin)**

- Jan asked Kirsten for the same space on the Common that we had last year. Kirsten said that should be fine.

### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *Jan's "spinning art" was a **hit** with the kids at OHD.*
- *We should have more help for next year – our booth and spin art activity was very popular!*

### **Senior Center / For The Love of Music (Greg Descoteaux , Larry Casey)**

- There was a full house at the last event, about 70 in the audience and 10 performers.

### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *This event is held quarterly.*

### **State of New Hampshire Grant Application (Larry Casey, Steph Miville, Jan McLaughlin, Stephen Lee)**

- No update.

### ***Notes from Previous Meetings***

- *We were awarded \$5400 for 2024!*

## Wild Apples Literary Magazine (Dasha Bulatova, Larry Casey, Jan McLaughlin)

- Submissions are now open. Dasha has received a submission already.
- Larry will get a press release out next week.

### Notes from Previous Meetings

- We voted Dasha, Larry and Jan to be the “working group” for this activity. **We voted to give them authority to make all decisions relevant to this activity.**
- Annual publication, published around Spring 2025.
- It has a dedicated email address, [WildApples@londonderryartscouncil.org](mailto:WildApples@londonderryartscouncil.org).

## Youth Art Contest (Karen Giguere, Cit Waters)

- No update.

### Notes from Previous Meetings

- This is the fourth year of the contest – yay!

## Misc. Items (All)

- Kirsten Hildonen: We will get town email accounts with our names for @tolboards.com next week. She explained how it will be deployed. She will be sending us detailed instructions.
  - Use this email for communications with other board members and outside vendors, suppliers, etc.
  - For existing folks we contact, Kirsten suggested using the email you have been using to communicate and this new email address.
  - Kirsten will look into the details of what submission information will be public record.
  - We will need to disclose this to folks submitting applications, etc.
  - Kirsten will provide language for our email signature to disclose it will be public record.
  - **Stephen**: change all of our website/Google Groups forwarded email addresses from folks’ personal to their new town email address.
- Larry and Steph are getting together with the gentleman from NHAA (NH Artists Association) to organize a plein air event in Londonderry. Meeting March 27 at 11:00 at the Common.

### Notes from Previous Meetings

- Maybe work with them to rekindle Art in Action. Cit will consider. She may want to rebrand AiA, since we are having trouble finding a good venue for the artists.
- Larry will write a press release asking for more LAC participants. Focus will be writers. Dasha suggested posting on social media and hosting an informal gathering. Cit suggested reaching out to seniors at LHS.

- Next meeting is Thursday **April 11, 2024**.