



Our mission is to support, promote, and advocate for the arts and cultural enrichment in the county. We envision Clatsop County as an arts mecca, where every citizen's creativity has an outlet, public art lives in abundance, low-cost art is accessible across demographics, and the public is aware of the economic importance of art.

Council Minutes • Wednesday, February 19, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.
Seaside Public Library

1. Meeting call to order (**action**) (Chair), 10:00 a.m. Present: Sheila Martin, Roy Sanchez, Patrick Willis (interim treasurer), Katy Menne, Laura Janes, Kris Evans (Secretary), Hypatia Absent: Danyelle Tinker
 - Welcome new board member Hypatia
 - Volunteer hours (from 1.17.25 to 2.18.25) to Secretary
2. Approval of agenda (**action**): Patrick and Roy moved approval. MOTION PASSED unanimously.
3. Approval of minutes 1.17.25 (**action**): Katy and Laura moved approval. MOTION PASSED unanimously.
4. Council briefing (**information, discussion**)
 - Contacts for young engagement (4H, Patrick; Maritime Museum, Katy; PTAs, Roy; Q, Danyelle): Discussed various extensions of 4H, reaching out to middle schools, potential to sponsor youth for a workshop at Q. Maritime updates include workshops, art exhibits and brainstormed on collaboration and potential ways the Arts Council can be involved (i.e. sharing the event on social media). Discussed options for art inspired event on Riverwalk (i.e. plein air, photography).
5. Near future (**information, discussion, assignments, action**)
 - Arts for All publicity: Community Action, ESL, food banks, North Coast Food Web, thrift stores (all): Katy to send email with verbiage of Arts for All. Each board member please send to at least one organization.
 - Astoria Ukulele Orchestra benefit concert March 28: Posters received – please everyone post these. This concert is now to assist in funding the Art, Ahoy! Camp (PAC scheduling conflict).
 - Bottle Drop: Patrick will pick up bags in Portland.
 - Grants (Patrick) (2025 summit, ukulele workshop, theater workshop, Make Music Day): Discussed status of grants that are pending and those yet to apply.
 - Make Music Day committee: Entire board volunteered!!
 - Social Media updates (Katy, Roy): FB and Instagram continue to increase. Discussed auto reply setting on Instagram and who will be responding personally to messages (Katy will be interim until Hypatia can potentially take over).
 - Website updates (Katy) and name and domain renewal (due 2.28.25, 3 years for \$81.75): Have not seen charges. Website numbers increasing.
6. Minutes and commitments review (**assignments**)
 - Imogen Gallery donation (Laura): Received \$150
 - Newsletter in March (Katy, Sheila): Will be infographic/one page.
 - New board member outreach (all): One opening remaining.
 - November Arts Month proclamation (Danyelle, Sheila): Meeting with Pamela to be rescheduled.
7. Main discussion topic: Executive Orders and Impacts (**discussion, action**)
 - Americans for the Arts FAQ dated 01.30.25: Discussed importance of what can be done on various levels and what outlets can be utilized. Additional documents will be emailed. Stay strong!!!

8. Liaisons and committee reports (**information**)

- Arts Services (Sheila): Data used for funding/helpful for advocacy
- Comics Sketchbook Workshop (Kris, Roy): Discussed monetary ramifications of “tip” vs “donation” and how to protect artists and council within the 501c3: Will need to start tracking all money spent or received. Discussed potential of future workshops including separating via age range. Next workshop will tentatively be in April.
- Funding Request (Danyelle, Patrick, Sheila): Discussed ESL request to assist with publication of book (requesting \$400). Kris/Katy and Hypatia moved approval to grant request of \$400 to ESL program. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9. Finances (**information, action**)

- Financial report (Patrick): Hypatia and Katy moved to approve budget. MOTION PASSED unanimously.
- Fred Meyer Community Rewards program and check: Free to sign up with rewards card, a small percentage of proceeds will benefit Arts Council.

10. Outside factors (**discussion**): Discussed posting board members’ pics and bio on social media. Discussed potential of contacting restaurants to donate proceeds of items and relaying all information and programs of Arts Council to co-op and other locations.

11. Next meeting date and adjournment (**information**)

- March meeting in Seaside: Wednesday, March 26th, 10:00 a.m.