



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, March 26, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.
Seaside Public Library

1. Meeting call to order (**action**): Sheila Martin, Kris Evans, Danyelle Tinker, Laura Janes, Katy Menne, Patrick Willis, Roy Sanchez.

• Volunteer hours (from 2.19.25 to 3.25.25) to Secretary

2. Approval of agenda (**action**) Sheila moved to change item #7 to follow #11 as Make Music Day committee meets immediately following. Danyelle seconds, MOTION PASSED unanimously. Sheila moved to add "removal of board member" to agenda. Hypatia seconds, MOTION PASSED unanimously. Sheila moved for the vote on removal as the next item. Hypatia seconds, MOTION PASSED unanimously. Voting by ballot results were 5 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstain. Roy Sanchez will no longer be a member of the Arts Council board.

3. Approval of minutes 2.18.25 (**action**): Need to change attendance to reflect Danyelle's absence. Kris moved approval. Danyelle abstains due to absence. MOTION PASSED.

4. Council briefing (**information, discussion**)

• Contacts for young engagement (4H, Patrick; Maritime Museum, Katy; PTAs, Roy; Q, Danyelle and Laura: Discussed upcoming events - Q- sponsoring production after April, Maritime – spring break, working on art based crafts, upcoming poetry contest in May, Summer camp activities will hone in on age range and specific artists that will be paid through fundraising. Red cards were supplied and passed out.

5. Near future (**information, discussion, assignments, action**)

• Art Along Riverwalk: Brainstormed and discussed ideas -perhaps late summer after Make Music Day, noting must be aware of 2nd Saturday Astoria Regatta Parade.

• Arts for All publicity: Community Action, ESL, food banks, North Coast Food Web, thrift stores; suggestions for participants to feature on websites (all; Katy sent email): Discussed email results and potentials to send additional emails out. Food banks and thrift stores have not been contacted.

• Astoria Ukulele Orchestra benefit concert March 28: 56/70 tickets sold as of now! Will post on SM about limited seats left.

• Blue Scorcher possibility (Hypatia): No longer working there, employed at Coffee Girl currently and will start to assess how they can be of benefit before approaching.

• Bottle Drop (Patrick): Got the bags!!! Handed out!

• Grants (Patrick) (2025 summit, ukulele workshop, theater workshop, Make Music Day):

Added report due date to grant sheets to help track as things as there was confusion with a grant requesting a report on a grant that was not applied for. The goal for grant applications is one per month.

- Make Music Day committee (Hypatia, Katy, Kris, Laura, Sheila plus board members helping day of): Meeting to follow immediately after.
- NAO free membership offer ineligible
- Social Media updates (Katy, Roy): Meet the board posts discussed. Follower numbers are trending. Discussed Roy's open call for art on social media. Will need further discussion of parameters before implementing.
- Website updates: Arts for All interest form (Katy): Nebulous format.

6. Minutes and commitments review (**assignments**)

- Newsletter (Katy, Sheila): Needs further discussion.
- November Arts Month proclamation (Danyelle, Sheila): Have not heard from Pamela, will attempt to reach out again.

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

- Americans for the Arts (Sheila): Reviewed lawsuit and NEA implications with potential dismantling and impacts of museum and library funding. Focus on advocacy and support (please reference email on what we can do to be involved).
- AVA (Laura): Board has been revised. New president, Susan we have worked with. Forward movement hopefully be more actively involved.
- Comics Sketchbook Workshop April (Kris, Roy): This will no longer be held or associated with the Arts Council as board member, Roy, was removed.

9. Finances (**information, action**): Kris and Hypatia moved approval. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- Financial report (Patrick): Discussed spreadsheet numbers and changes.
- Funding Request Parameters: 10% of annual fund balance on January 1?
Discussed potential of using a percentage to allocate grants and how to determine funding allotment. Needs further discussion, and if specific fund or general. If a specific fund, must determine semantics of what to label this as it would need to be used exactly what stated for. To discuss further. The Council could then potentially seek out foundations to fund.

10. Outside factors (**discussion**): Ten Fifteen is about to represent State of Oregon!!

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

- April meeting in Astoria; Friday, April 25, 2025 at 10:00

7. Main discussion topic: Make Music Day (**discussion, action**): Initial planning phases discussed and assigned. Minutes taken by Sheila and separately documented. Next meeting April 4th, 2025 at 1:30p in Astoria.