# Albion Cultural Exchange Committee Meeting Minutes, Calendar, and Information

# 5/1/19 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Chris Carino, Kathy Frey, Doug Henning, Tony De Marco, Joy Schilling, Donna Murphy,

and Karen Gagne Guests: Paul Reavis

Next Regular Meeting: 7/3/19 at 7pm at the Albion Cultural Exchange

**Minutes** The April 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

#### **ACE Building**

New Bathrooms on the First Floor:

- o Chris and Mike Kilkelly are completing the Bid Package to be submitted to the DPW to be entered into the bid system. It includes stamped drawings, specs manual, and estimates.
- The Bid Package is expected to be delivered the week of 5/13.
- Next steps: The package is entered in to the bid system and we wait for bid responses
- The Visioning Session with this committee and Mike has been pushed to the next meeting.
- **Physical Plant**: The window in the basement has been fixed.
- **In-house Art:** reminder that there is art available in the building for display. We're not sure of the best way yet to leverage the art and where to have a small ongoing display.
- Town Council Update: An overall update on the ACE building, it progress and upcoming focus has been provided to Steve Maio. Targeting June for a deeper dive, if needed.
- After the meeting, the committee will prepare the Main Floor for the upcoming Acapella event

#### **Fundraising**

- ACE Non-profit Structure: Agreement to put this effort on hold due to the focus on the bathroom bids and planning for the next phases of building work
- Digital Storytelling Video: Concept is to use videos to tell the story of the Albion Cultural Exchange past, present and future – for multiple purposes including fund raising, marketing, and communication. Andy Levine provided a proposal. Chris to meet with Andy to start planning. Initial budget of \$500. The ACE subcommittee is: Chris, Kathy, Tony and John
- Class of 1954 Donation: A PR piece was done for the newspaper to acknowledge the donation. The money will be used to purchase a red carpet for ACE's red carpet events.

### **Programming / Events**

- Previous Events none
- **Upcoming Events** 
  - o First Thurs 5/2: Spring Acapella with WHS Choral Voices of Steel, She Major & In Big Treble. Chris is the POC
  - o 5/8: Wakefield Cultural Council Annual Reception. This is a red carpet event
  - o 5/9: The AP Art Show. Joy is the POC. This is a red carpet event
  - o First Thursday 6/6: JV Art Show in June. Joy is the POC

#### Future ideas

- o The Arts Collaborative of Wakefield is working towards a Music and Art event in Sept/Oct it might be the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday
- o Discussed concept of a periodic Movie Night. Donna and Karen to pursue sources for the unique, inexpensive, and indy type films

Digital Subcommittee: Tony and Tasha to provide an update at the next meeting

### 2019 ACE Events Calendar:

Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	Event	Coordinators and	Event
	Event		ACE Points of Contact	Concept
				Confirmed?
March	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Arts & Edibles	Ann Marie Gallivan	Confirmed
May 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Acapella – WHS Choral	Chris	Confirmed
May 8		Wakefield Cultural Council Reception	Red Carpet Event/ Joy	Confirmed
May 9		Wakefield High School AP Art Show	Red Carpet Event / Joy	Confirmed
June 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Wakefield High School JV Art Night	Joy	Confirmed
July	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Typically, no event due to 4 <sup>th</sup> of July		
August	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs			
Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs			
Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	ACW Art Show (multiple days)	Kathy	Tentative
Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs			
Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs			
Dec 7		ACW Art Show (multiple days)	Kathy	Confirmed
		In tandem w/ Holiday Stroll		
Dec		Acapella	Chris	

## 2018 ACE Events Calendar:

2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	Event	Coordinators and
Month	Event		ACE Points of Contact
January	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	No event scheduled	
Feb 1		Card Making Class	Doug and Mrs Henning
Feb 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Word Art Signs	John
March 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Arts & Edibles	Ann Marie Gallivan, Joy
April 5-7	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Art Blooms on Albion	Ann Marie Gallivan, Joy
May 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Spring Acapella	Chris
May5		Mini-Metal Book Making Class	Doug
May 16		Wakefield Cultural Council Reception	Joy
May 17		Wakefield High School AP Art Show	Joy
June 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Wakefield High School JV Art Night	Joy
Nov 18		Wakefield Garden Club Member Event	Chris
Dec 1 -2		ACW Art Exhibit	Kathy
Dec 21		Holiday Acapella	Chris

# **Additional Albion Cultural Exchange Committee Info**

#### **ACE Committee Open Items:**

- Promotion and communications
- Building Logo
- Figure out the phone logistics now that ACE has a phone number.
- Joy is going to work on ACE info/flyer to be included in future Wakefield 101 materials.
- Membership levels
- Building Usage Guidelines (see below)
- Continue to refine the Building Usage Request form
- ACE mission statement
- Permanent ACE signage
- Bank account

#### **ACE Building Usage Rules/Guidelines**

- Capacity: Seated: 50 / Standing: 125 / Classroom style with Tables: Less than 50
- Available Facilities and Equipment
- Limited bathroom facilities single toilet and sink in the basement
- Main Gallery space including 1<sup>st</sup> floor office and food serving area
- 60 chairs / Six 6' tables
- Refrigerator and Freezer
- Trash Barrels and Recycle Barrels
- Carry in and Carry Out policy for trash and recycles
- Event coordinators are responsible for clean up after event
- Advertising
- Event coordinators responsible for all promotion and advertising
- ACE Committee will feature event on the ACE Website
- If the event is a fundraiser activity, then a 5% fee is due to the Albion Cultural Exchange building
- Need to include damage liability statement

# Suggestion List for 1st Thursday or other ACE Events:

- Quilters Exhibit by Quilters Common of Wakefield
- Donald Wong: Qi Gong
- Friends of Lake Quannapowitt Art Show
- Health and Wellness Event
- Comedy Night
- Celtic Knot Drawing (Joy)
- Arts Night with multiple events of music and visual artist demo's
- Restaurant Week Energy\Concept
- Music in the Street with Music Studios LB and Onset
- Honk Festival? Musicians in the Street

# Additional Albion Cultural Exchange Committee Info, Continued

#### Subcommittees:

- Press Releases subcommittee (John and Chris)
- Logo subcommittee (Nick, Tasha, and John)
- *Email program* (Doug Henning)

#### Link to Wakefield related arts and cultural groups and businesses:

https://docs.google.com/a/wpsk12.org/spreadsheets/d/188dn-DQs5vZMk06dfNTXF3lQR9A\_kPCbSylsVewuO20/edit?usp=sharing

**Google calendar for ACE events and activities**. To use this public calendar, you will need to subscribe to use it. albionculturalexchnge@gmail.com

**ACE Building Wifi password:** Wakefield (the W is capitalized)

#### **Pool of Promotional and Activity Ideas:**

- Painting the crosswalk in front of the building (corner of Albion & Main)......maybe have people pose
  in it at events and takes pictures to start a new tradition.....like the famous Beatles Photo....Abbey
  Way?
- Switchbox Art Project or other name depending on public art locations identified inside of the immediate area which could be the overlay Arts District
- Public Art displays......sculptures and other "installation options"
- Lake Art Walk concept
- Painting of light poles on Albion Street
- T Shirt fundraiser

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# 2017 ACE Event Calendar: First Thursdays and Other Events

2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	Event	Coordinators
Month	Event		
January		No event scheduled	
February		No event scheduled	
March 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Film Screening: Food Fight	
April 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Art Blooms on Albion	
April 20		Play 15: Music Mini-lessons	School vacation week
May 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	No event (conflict with town mtg)	
May 17		Wakefield Cultural Council Reception	
May 18		Wakefield High School AP Art Show	
May 19 /20		Shaw Art Show	
May 25		ACW Art Demo Night	ACE Point of Contact: kathy
June 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Wakefield High School JV Art Night	ACE Point of Contact: Joy
July	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	No event scheduled	
August	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Moana 'Sleep In' for Kids	Lauramarie Small
			ACE Point of Contact: Tasha
Aug 23		Sweet Bay Arranging Class	Tasha is the ACE POC
September	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	One Degree Public Art Project	Ann Marie Gallivan is the POC
Sept 9		Bread Store – Baking Event	Chris is the POC
			The Bread shop is selling tickets
Sept 18		Writers Gathering	Proposed by Colleen Getty
			Doug is the POC
Sept 23		Sweet Bay decorating class	
Oct 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Movie: 'Food Fight'	Chris is the POC
Nov 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	Class: Holiday Card and Tag Class	ACE Point of Contact: kathy
Nov 9		Garden Club workshop	Chris is the POC
Dec 1 - 3		ACW Art Exhibit	Coordinate with Holiday Stroll
			ACE Point of Contact: Kathy
Dec 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	FOLQ art show	Joy is POC
Dec 22		Acapella	Chris is POC

## **Initial Focus Areas for 2017**

- Near term: Form and Rules for ACE Building Usage
- Near term: Wakefield 101 Info sheet for the ACE
- Near Term: 1<sup>st</sup> floor painting and clean up and 1<sup>st</sup> floor bathroom and sink
- Near term: Exterior signage for the building
- Mid-term: Usage plan.
- Once near term is completed, put energy into having events in the building and increasing awareness and usage of the Cultural Exchange