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Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos,
Lucy Berman, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein,

KT Travers*

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

Minutes (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Lucy Berman, Dawn Jenkins, KT Travers, Gerardo Barrientos, Corey Stein, Joanna Gates

Guests: Katie O'Brien, Austina Bosco, Joni Anderson, Ross Herman, Jennifer Zapp

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2024:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:41 p.m. and introduced the group to those attending and those present on Zoom. He read through the minutes of last month's meeting. Gerardo Barrientos moved to approve the minutes as read. KT Travers seconded. The motion passed 7-0.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo reviewed the quorum requirement and mission statement. He invited all to review the full code of conduct requirements at www.empowerla.org.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Lucy Berman is working to produce the 10th "Hanukkah in the Foothills." She will contact Rabbi Janet Bieber to confirm a date. She and other artists are writing and producing a musical titled "Snipped," the story of a Jewish mother confronting the moral and physical stigma of circumcision. Also, due to her upcoming work and family schedules, she is resigning her position with STARC for the time being. When she can commit to the meeting schedule in the future, she will re-apply. KT Travers announced that ST Forward is seeking artist submissions for the Welcome Garden at Foothill and Pali.
4. **Guest Speaker:** Joanna Gates, Express Yourself With Expressive Arts was presented with beautiful examples of several artforms. It was motivational and encouraging as a self-realization pursuit of the arts as they affect all the senses. Her advice is to initially "dive in" without allowing any self judgement to hinder your progress.
5. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Executive Director for MAC, Annette Bethers provided the update. "Burgers, Brews and Blues" with LaRue Sounds is scheduled for August 17, 6pm-10pm. The stand up comedy workshop is filling up. A sound bath workshop has been added. The price is \$30. Jewelry making is moving forward with the with help of grants from CAD and L.A. County Arts.
6. **Discussion:** Guest Speaker possibilities; STARC had confirmed artist, Mercedes Del Castillo for August, but unfortunately, a death in the immediate family forced her to withdraw.
7. **Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, murals, gardens, bus bench ads. Ross Herman is in communication with Jose Galdamez who is the STNC's contact for funding. After discussion about the recent 4th of July Parade, the following motion was presented by Gerardo Barrientos. **Motion:** Draft a letter to Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Rotary club stating observations, concerns and recommendations for maintaining a safe and enjoyable celebration for the future. Seconded by Lucy Berman. Motion passed 7-0
8. **Adjourn 9:26 p.m.**

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