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Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00pm

Members in Attendance: Elizabeth Bouchard, Liz Foulser, Elizabeth Lohnes, Leah Mallozzi, Melissa Landon, Nicholas Gleason, Sarah Bolha, Jim Bracciale

No public comment

March Meeting Minutes: Vote - all in favor, approved

Art of Business Summit: Summary from Mel, Jim and Sarah

- Held two panel discussions: one with panelists from other towns (Winchester, Andover and Salem), second with Melrose artists
- Had some great conversations and connection with Stephanie Nelson from the Chamber, John Andrews from Salem Creative Collective, ideas of how to collaborate with the city and the chamber of commerce
- Owner of Lilah Rose reached out to Mel about the former BOA ATM space and if someone would be interested in turning it into a gallery (700 sq ft for \$3,000/month) - Elizabeth L will reach out to local artist who is part of the Melrose Arts Festival to plug the idea with others.

FY2024 Grant Process: We have received 16 of the 17 grantee forms; Jim reached out to Lily to contact Jim Eggers (Coming Together) to complete forms.

Discussed planning to go see "[Dial M for Murder](#)" at Greater Boston Stage to support Lily: May 3-19

Treasurer Report: No updates

Fundraising - Update & Discussion:

- Fundraising Committee to meet (Jenne, Jim, Laura, Liz B) - **Jim will schedule time**
- Calendar creation & connection with businesses to donate: create materials to leave with businesses (QR code to form for them to sign up) with request for gift cards and other donations
- Execution of Selling Calendars: where/how to sell (partner with a business to help sell), how to collect money from sales and how to deposit it with the bank (confirm with city)
- Location ideas: Buckalews, Biter Miter, Modern Legacy Law Group (Erin McGill Nobles)
- Elizabeth Lohnes would be able to help create the visual calendar.

Chamber of Commerce Update: At the Summit, Stephanie Nelson pledged to be help for the calendar and connecting with banks (some banks may need an in from Stephanie)

- Contact from Eastern Bank mentioned to Mel at the Summit that there are funds available.
- **Takeaway:** write a letter to provide to banks

Community Survey: with Sara out on maternity leave, we will need to review and find someone else to help facilitate it, next meeting look at the form/questions; promotion through the paper

- Create a card again, promote with a QR code, distribute at businesses/fair
- Promote through the chamber, mayor's office, schools, etc.

MCC Banner: print logo on table banner - could explore local printers or an online printer.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **May meeting: Thursday, May 9 at 7pm** - looking for room at City Hall, Worklery might not be available. Jim will reach out to the city, Mel will confirm availability
- **June meeting:** the Mayor wants to join a meeting but has suggested week of 6/24 - Jim will confirm for **Wednesday, June 26 at 7pm** (no meeting 6/13)

Adjourned at 8:00pm