April 9, 2026 LAC Meeting Notes

Members/Volunteers in Attendance

Karen Giguere
Larry Casey
Dasha Bulatova
Stephanie Miville
Cit Waters
Elaine Barette
Cyndi Peterson

Visitors

Paul Swindelhurst, Ted Combes (Arts Council Liaison)

Started at 7:01 PM

Public comment

- Paul described a poetry project called the Favorite Poem project at the Baldwin. They will try to repeat this event.

Program updates

- **St Peter's Artisan Fair (May 16)**
  - We were asked to provide music for the event. Larry will follow up with Greg about this as well as about the possibility for having a tabletop display.

- **Senior Jam (May 17)**
  - The jams have been successful so far with 8-12 musicians and 40-60 people in the audience. We plan to continue to host these at the Senior Center every 3 months.

- **Concerts on the Common (begin on June 3)**
  - All dates are booked; a July date has a TBA date on it because of a restriction on announcements from the artist.
  - Fundraising has been going well and is on target.
  - Larry and Stephen are continuing to fundraise.

- **Wild Apples Launch Party (May 30)**
  - Larry will put together a budget for next month's meeting.
  - Steph asked if we could put the refreshments and registration outside so there is more room inside (she can bring a tent).
  - Cit will set up a suggestion box for art. Consider doing a walk through to see if there is more space in there now.
  - Karen volunteered to take care of the refreshment table.

Strategic Planning Update

Discussed two focus areas for next fiscal year:

- Inventory of Potential Venues
- Broadening outreach to different communities
  - Paul offered insights from his time at the Newburyport Art Association.
  - Dasha suggests an open house.

- On April 13 and April 22, Steph and Larry will represent us at the Strategic Plan meetings.
- Paul suggests identifying low hurdles for new volunteers to commit to/clear.

Karen motioned to adjourn, Cyndi seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM