Edison Township Cultural Arts Commission (ETCAC)
Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2025 5:45 pm

Chair:	Tony Massaro
Vice Chair:	Lois Tarr
Secretary:	Christine McCann
Council Liaison:	Margot Harris

Members in Attendance: Tony Massaro, Lois Tarr, Christine McCann, Diana Joffe, Don Tarr, Margot Harris, Judy Tyndall, Kathleen Carlucci, Ujwal Kumal Kasthala

Not Present: Varsha Niak, Michelle Sudhaker

Special Guest: Joe Romano, BOE Representative

The meeting started at 5:45 pm.

A. Approval of August 5, 2025 minutes - Don approved; Lois second.

B. From the Chair:

a. Judy - Dan Reid from Recreation-will try to get him to come to a meeting re: next year's Jazz Festival.
Kathleen - Founder of Rise up -Unsure when available to meet with ETCAC.

b. Interim Treasurer - Judy Tyndall - to be made formal in February at a re-organizational meeting. (Cannot solicit, dispense, collect without organization.)

c. Game of Chance - need complete names and addresses of all members. Copies of articles of corporation. Would need Council approval - Joe.

d. Banner being made by AKA in South Plainfield. Diana and Lois placed an order. Looked into shirts with a logo on it - blue shirt, long sleeve, v-neck for womens, crew for mens. $40.00 to be worn at events.

e. BOE Rep - Joe Romano, 7322615052- Representative for Superintendent. Anything needed he can lead for us. Will refer ETCAC to Heather Daniels head of communications who handles the Board of Education website and podcast. The Board can arrange to have things put on their website and in their podcast regarding an event, communication to the public for ETCAC.. Use the auditorium?.. call Patty Tymon Secretary to Superintendent 732-452-4962. Use Joe Romano's name. Tony to Joe - ask the Superintendent if the Board of Ed wants to pick a liaison to this commission. Joe will come to the next meeting re: Gallery.

C. Around the Table

a. Kathleen - Event in October - Rise Up Chorus - Hosting at the Museum. 10/11 in the afternoon, Rain date 10/18.

b. Lois - (1) Looking for 2 or 3 big pieces for the Gallery at any time to put up in between events. Picture of Park, etc. asked Kathleen to check with the Museum. (2) DPW and Rec and Clerks - hope many dates booked for the year in town. We should pick out 4 dates for ETCAC for a program. Application should be made available in the Gallery.

c. Diana - Gallery-Saw a man eating his lunch at a table in the Gallery. Called Bob Diel. Need a sign - No Food or Drink allowed.

d. Margot - Jazz Festival was terrific. Judy and Ujwal bravo. Entertainment was top notch. Ferrante House order to pass water and sewer. Ferrante plumbing problem. Holiday gathering for commission! Let's talk and plan!

e. Judy - Maybe invite different acts next time? Limited to 2 hrs. DPW Dan Reeve, Tony Costa - invite for next month's meeting.

f. Christine - Pictures of Grace dancing in Edison in the Gallery. She loved performing at the Jazz Festival.

g. Don - Public needs an awareness of what the committee does. He prepared a copy for the Illuminator on what ETCAC does. It never appeared in publication with no reason why. (Ashley)

h. Ujwal - (1) ETCAC needs an Instagram and Facebook presence. Should be active on both platforms. We could get sponsors on Facebook. Tony needs to select someone to run it. Ujwal is willing. (2) Diwali event - we need a spot for the Festival on 10/25. We will need volunteers. Ujwal has students going for Masters - we can give them credit if they help volunteer. Will share with Tony.

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D. Next Sessions: All on a Tuesday except noted:

a. October 7, 2025
b. November 5 - Wednesday
c. December 9
d. January 13, 2026

E. The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm. Motion by Tony, Diana second.