

Winchendon Cultural Council

Official Meeting Minutes

Approved on 02/03/2021

Date: Monday, November 25, 2019

Time: 6:00pm

Location: The Beals Memorial Library, Winchendon Massachusetts

ATTENDEES: Tina Santos, Jill Sackett (Incoming Chair and current Treasurer), Linda Hofhaug, Greg Vine, Miranda Jennings (secretary) were present.

Meeting was called to order on November 3rd at 6:07pm.

Public Comments: No public comments were made.

Member Comments: Reviewed the amount we have to approve due to increase in public funding.

2020 Applications

Applications were reviewed. The following were approved unanimously by the council.

- A Musical Journey Through the Years
- Concert for Senior Center
- Musical Performance by Mary Carfagna and Tim Loftus
- Winchendon Music Festival
- GALA Annual Spring Show 2020
- 2020 Concert Series (Jill left the meeting and abstained from the vote).
- Third Thursday Movies on the Library Lawn
- Theater at the Mount
- The Box From The Future
- Alchemy Laboratory
- Animal Adventures
- Whalemobile
- Beals Prize for Poetry
- Mr. VINNY's Shadow Puppet Show
- Bee a Pollinator Lab
- Beals Con: Historical Swordsmanship Demonstration
- Art for the Future: Building Community Through Art

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The following proposals were not approved:

Motion to reject the following based on a lack of a specific venue and indirect connection with Winchendon. All members were in favor.

- A Cultural and Historical Reflection of the 1960s through the Music of the Beatles
- A Little Ellington Elegance
- Henry the Juggler Performance

Motion to reject the following based on prioritizing local initiatives. All members were in favor.

- Fitchburg Art Museum
- Puzzled escape room

Motion to reject the following based on low attendance in the past, small impact and niche audience.

- Bluebird Felting Workshop

Motion to reject the following based on low connection to Cultural Council Priorities and funding for a similar workshop in another proposal.

- Lightsaber Training

Motion to reject the following based on insufficient public benefit compared to other proposals.

- Coffee Table Book "Changing of the Seasons"

Motion to reject the following based on not being local and not an organization with high need for funding.

- EBT \$1 Anytime Admission Program

Motion to reject the following based on funding request for travel expenses and low impact.

- May Day - An international Poster Exhibit

Jill will send out rejection letters followed by the approval letters after the designated time.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers Role: Coral Grout was nominated as temporary Treasurer and the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Council.

New member recruitment: Members will approach 3-5 people each as new members and keep the committee updated as to responses.

Miranda

- Nicole Elias (Murdock)
- Lilah Paker (Murdock)
- The Wichendon School Student rep
- The Winchendon School faculty
- Jane LaPointe (WCP)
- Tiffany Parkhurst (WCP)
- Deb Giordano (Gala)
- Jennifer Sibley (CAC)
- Smiths Country Cheese

Jill

- Ally Galipeau, (Murdock), Jill
- Murdock Student Rep (Jill)
- Marie Provost (Friends of Music at Public Schools)
- Athol Bank

Linda

- Michelle Peterson, local business (Linda)
- Dave LaPoint

Tina

- Deanna McKinnon (Murduck)
- Tanya Borque (Resident)
- Bridgette Marinelli (Elementary school)
- Cailte Kelley Kailte Kelly (Edward Jones, PLanning Committee)
- Penny Maliska, local business (Tina)

Set Next Meeting Date & Agenda: Next meeting will be held in the first quarter of 2020.

Proposed agenda:

Review 2020 approved projects
Set up project monitoring
Review survey and discuss council priorities

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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