

## **Cultural Council Meeting**

November 22, 2016

Attendance: Ann Lewis, Greg Reynolds, Robbie Armenti, Alison Smith, Brian Mulvehill, Lara Ramsey

Absent: Sarah Mulvehill, Robbie Heidinger

Chair-Robbie A.

Treasurer-Greg

Secretary-Lara

7:00 p.m

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Reviewed last year's minutes. Approved, no changes.
- 3) Reminder that everyone needs to attend basic ethics training course on line
- 4) Reviewed our term expiration dates:
  - a. Robbie Armenti 11/21/2020
  - b. Robbie Heidinger 01/12/2017
  - c. Ann Lewis 10/24/17
  - d. Brian Mulvehill 04/11/22
  - e. Sarah Mulvehill 01/12/2017
  - f. Lara Ramsey 04/11/2022
  - g. Greg Reynolds 11/18/2019
  - h. Alison Smith 04/08/2022
- 5) Elizabeth Myersohn will not be offering her program that was funded for the 2015-2016 cycle. That \$200.00 is folded back into the budget.
- 6) Charles Neville has an extension (wrote letter of request). His funds (\$300) are not in the pool to be disbursed this year. Robbie A. will write a letter establishing January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as a deadline by which we need to know his plan.
- 7) Ann asked for \$50.00 for clerical expenses. This is less than ever before, but possible because, for the first time, the process is online. Idea here is to give out as much in grant \$ as possible. Note that town is contributing \$75.00.
- 8) Reviewed community outreach feedback. Community input was recruited through a questionnaire at the library and through an invite-to-talk at Westhampton Fall Festival.

- a. Accessible dance, variety of dance
  - b. Funding field trips
  - c. Mixed ages events
  - d. Singing, variety of singing
  - e. Literary events
- 9) Suggestion to “adopt” a grantee and stay in communication with that person/group. We can obtain feedback that way and see the results of the grant.
- 10) Available funding for 2017: \$4,648.00.

Grant Reviews:

- 1. Kim Florek, STEAM Makers NO
- 2. Scott Green, Snowfarm NO
- 3. Westhampton Elementary School- Acorn People PARTIAL \$300
- 4. Chester Theatre Company- PARTIAL \$100
- 5. John Root- Organic Gardening-NO
- 6. Pioneer Valley Ballet- NO
- 7. Westhampton Public Library- Dinoman- NO
- 8. Westhampton Public Library- Leaping Lizards-YES FULL \$425
- 9. Westhampton Public Library- Flea Circus-YES FULL \$350
- 10. Pandora Redwin- The Play Workshop- YES FULL \$500
- 11. Davis Bates YES FULL \$425
- 12. Mass Audubon PARTIAL \$400
- 13. Doug “Danger” Senecal- NO
- 14. Morley Cleary- PARTIAL \$200
- 15. Patricia Kennedy- NO
- 16. Erin Zimbler- PARTIAL \$500
- 17. Stacy Benham- PARTIAL \$250
- 18. Pied Potter Hamelin- NO
- 19. Hampshire Music Booster c/o HRHS PARTIAL \$173
- 20. North Hall Association PARTIAL \$100
- 21. Friends of the Westhampton Public Library PARTIAL \$500
- 22. Debra J. Immergut- YES FULL \$325
- 23. Hilltown Families- YES FULL \$100
- 24. Jack McElaney-NO

Meeting adjourned: