

Cultural Council Meeting 11-24-2014

In attendance:

Jackie Brodeur, Greg Reynolds, Sarah Mulvehill, Robbie Heidinger, Robby Armenti, Julie Held, Ann Lewis

Absent: John Zimmerman

Secretary: Julie Held

Welcome back Robby Armenti as a board member~Robby has background in drama and dance.

Approval of minutes from last year~ all approved

Ann is working with Cheryl, the town clerk to correct everyone's terms online to match with when we were sworn in.

Discussion about Basics training online and Ethics training. Some have yet to do it.

Last year's grant: everyone has administered their grant, but two people have yet to submit reimbursements.

Total to fund this year minus administrative fees of \$250 = \$4104.62

We approved the \$250 admin cost by vote

Last year \$4405 budget.

Grant reviews:

1. Westhampton Elementary School UMass performance field trip~Yes. \$624 full amount
2. Emily Neuburger Story Stone Workshop~Yes. Partial at \$200.
3. Emily Neuburger Story Map Workshop~No. Too complex for a short workshop
4. Ruth Pardoe Season of Arts North Hall~Not enough money. No.
5. Friend of W'ton Library "Field of Dreams"~Yes. Partial at \$500.
6. Jim Manning "Every Hero has a Story"~Yes. Partial at \$415.62
7. Edward Wirt "Swing Concert"~No.
8. Pied Potter Hamelin "Magical Potter's Wheel"~No. More local potters to use.
9. Charles Neville "Jazz Improv/HRHS"~Yes. \$300. Full amount.
10. Music in Deerfield. No
11. Amy Cyr, "Otha Day Drum to the Beat" at HRHS. She didn't apply to other councils within the school district it doesn't appear. Yes. Partial at \$100.
12. John Root "Popular Music of the Gaslight Era". No.
13. Karen Tetrault Science Mural at HRHS~Yes. Partial at \$200.
14. Paula Czarniecki Medieval Euro Field Trips HRHS~ No.

15. Hilltown Families. Yes. Full funding \$100.
16. Lara Ramsey Readers Theater Group. Yes. Fantastic reviews. Partial funding \$400.
17. Grown in Westhampton. Yes. V. popular and good for adults in town. Partial funding at \$300.
18. Elizabeth Myersohn. Maybe. Expensive for just an artist's talk and no accompanying exhibit. Partial at \$200.
19. Smith/Morrison Swinging on the Vine Festival at Black Birch Vineyard~Yes. V. popular event and great venue. No.
20. S.Lou Leelyn "Plastic Upcycling Workshop". No. Too many other dynamic options.
21. Pioneer Valley Ballet, Flux Choreography Workshop. No.
22. HRHS Spring Musical Performance. Partial funding \$100.
23. Animal World "Hunger Games Course." Appealing to older kids/teens. Yes. \$415.
24. Westhampton Library, "Sword through the Ages". Robby Armenti says they are great teachers. Yes. Partial. \$250.
25. Westhampton Library. "Kingdom of Riddles Puppet Show." No. Not enough Money.
26. Arts Extension Institute. "Artists in business training". Only two artists from Westhampton allowed, so group decided no based on that factor.

Total of \$4104.62 used with much shaving of grant amounts.

Ann needs two volunteers to help with sending out letters. Julie Held offered to help with the first batch. Robby Armenti will help with the second batch.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 38 pm.