



**South Hadley Cultural Council**

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January 5, 2017

Present: Renee Sweeney, Rebecca Slitt, Paul Lambert, Rita Starzyk, Emily Dean, Liz Austin, new member Rachael Hernandez, Marion Canning and guest Mary Claire Maroun

Absent: Treasurer, Halley Gmeiner

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the November minutes after corrections.

Motion accepted 2<sup>nd</sup>/ and passed

Treasurer's Report: Renee shared, on Halley's behalf, that there have been no changes from the previous meeting except interest. Halley will be sending the report to Marion for inclusion in the notes.

Correspondence: Renee reported that Halley had heard from the Friends of the Mount Holyoke Range regarding their grant.

Announcements: Rita Starzyk notified the council that due to family commitments she will finish her term ending in June but will not have time to accept another term.

Liz Austin shared that the committee for the Holyoke/South Hadley Street Fair has received permission to close both ends of the Rt. 116 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge on May 7, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Their grant funds are being used by youngsters to make fish banners to fly from the bridge.

Old Business: Friends of the Mount Holyoke Range

A motion was made to grant the Friends of the Mount Holyoke Range the same amount as was granted to them last year.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> /accepted and passed

Annual Report: Halley will complete the on-line report by the Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Grant Award Letters: Renee will send out the letters to those who received grants. A request for reimbursement form instruction sheet will be included with the letter.

Grant Awards Press Release: Rebecca volunteered to write the annual press release. This then gets forwarded to our MA Rep. John Scibak to add his comments. Then information is sent by the council to the local media.

New Business:

Event planning: The Community room is reserved for a possible upcoming program on February 7, 2017.

Discussion: Because of close timing and no ideas for a program at this time it was suggested to not have a February program.

A motion was made to not have a February program this year. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> / accepted and passed. However, it was decided to keep the reservation for the room and use the space to organize and plan the Grant reception on April 11. It was decided to meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Refreshments: Rita Starzyk volunteered to provide paper products and cheese and crackers, Rebecca will bake, Marion volunteered to bring finger food.

It was decided to invite John Scibak and other town officials. Renee will procure a contact list of officials and grant recipients.

Grant Reception: In the past a reception has been held for recipients and their friends. Refreshments are served and each grantee is asked to explain something about their project. A suggestion was made to encourage anyone who wanted to, to put on a short 10 min. demonstration/performance of their project.

Marion volunteered to compose an invitation including an R.S.V.P. to go separately from the award letters.

Other Business: A sponsored event was suggested at some point as a project. Rita related her experience of a tour of the State House in Boston given by John Scibak. This event was put on by the Council on Aging. She volunteered to ask John about some of the logistics we need to consider as we plan a tour to the State House. To raise interest we would advertise the event on NEPR, MassLive, The Reminder, The Republican and the Advocate. Liz also mentioned the Northampton Magazine Preview for future reference.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>/ and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Marion Canning