



South Hadley Cultural Council
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South Hadley Cultural Council
March 21, 2018

Present: Renee Sweeney, Halley Gmeiner, Dick Matteson, Rebecca Slitt, Marion Canning

Absent: Rachel Hernandez, Emily Dean, Paul Lambert

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February Mixer were approved. Thank you Rachel for taking notes that evening.

Correspondence: Renee reported that Judith Gooch of the Master Plan Implementation Committee will attend the May 8th meeting to get information to help her prepare her report to Town Meeting.

Treasurers Report: Dick Matteson presented the treasurer's report:

Account Balance as of 1/01/2018	\$9,406.16
LCC Fund* \$7,105.86	
Grant Fund \$2,399.30	

Account Balance as of 3/09/2018	\$14,299.16
LCC Fund* \$7,099.67	
Grant Fund \$7,200.30	

Grant Fund balance includes 1 unpaid FY17 grant which the grantee asked to reschedule in April, 2018 because of illness. 1 grant ("The Nellie Project" Elena Nietupski) which has not been paid (after several attempts to contact the person via email and snail mail) and deposit of \$8,300 from MCC and **MANY** FY18 grantees who have not, as yet, returned Grant Agreements and W-9s.

It was determined that the lack of response may be to the new pilot program.

Announcements:

Renee shared an email about Creative Community Fellows from National Arts Strategies funded by the Barr Foundation for New England "creatives" that people in South Hadley might be interested. Follow-up to come. No decision was made as to how to publicize this material.

It was suggested at this time to have a table with Cultural Council information materials at the Fall Fest and the River Roll and Stroll.

March 22, 2018 @ 6:00 at the library: A presentation about plans for the New Senior Center

Old Business:

At the February gathering 5 people attended from the community.

Discussions for events that the cultural council could either participate in or initiate were discussed. All were focused around ones that were popular with all ages.

New Business:

Training opportunities for new people applying for grants.

An informational survey will be put together to compare the pilot program to prior years.

Officer Succession:

Chair- As all the council members were not present at this meeting/no volunteers came forward. However, the chair duties were discussed and also the fact that there have been chairs and co-chairs working closely together in a shared position.

Secretary- Rebecca Slitt volunteered to be secretary.

Dick Matteson volunteered to remain treasurer he also indicated that he was allowed to hold two positions and volunteered to act as co-chair.

New Business:

April Grant Reception: April 10th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room

- Invitation will indicate that a short two or three minute explanation of their project will be welcome if they so choose.
- Who will be MC?
- Renee will supply music again
- Becky will bake
- Marion will bring sparkling cider

Renee will ask Rachel if she will make up a calendar like last year.

Halley will have the survey to Renee by April 2nd.

Calendar of meetings:

April 10, 2018 6:30 p.m. Grant Reception

May 8, 2018 6:00 p.m. Business meeting

Respectfully submitted- Marion Canning