



South Hadley Cultural Council

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May 8, 2018

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

Absent: Paul Lambert, Rachel Hernandez

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Correspondence: One item from **4Imprints**, the company we ordered the banners from, sent a box of samples.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Matteson presented the treasurer's report. Including this statement: "Grant Fund balance includes **MANY** FY18 grantees who have not, as yet, returned Grant Agreements and W-9s."

A discussion followed. It was concluded that the recipients did not read fully the new agreement and were not following the changes in the form.

Dick noted that Boston had sent out email reminders but not to the SHCC.

Account Balance (4/30/2018) \$12,146.13

LCC Fund* \$6,545.83

Grant Fund \$5,600.30

***= "Our" money**

Announcements: No announcements at this time.

MPIC:

Judy Gooch, a representative from the Master Plan, spent a short time talking to the group about Open Space and the Master Plan. Her goal was to insure the Council that the members of the MPIC want people to participate in the planning process. She stressed that the committees want collaboration on projects and would like to see projects opened up to opinions and ideas from other groups.

A question was brought up as to how one would know if the MPIC goals for South Hadley were being achieved and how the public were informed. Judy said there was a budget of \$95,000 to start a search for a consultant who will devise an evaluation matrix to measure progress that could span up to 10 years.

Old Business: It was agreed that having a table, with our banner, at the Falls Fest, July 28th and the Concerts on the Green on Thursday nights would be a way to get information out about the SHCC. The tables would have all the information and samples for people who are interested in the SHCC.

The contact person to arrange for a space for Falls Fest is John Camp.

Discussion: Rebecca volunteered to cover the table for a short time for Falls Fest. However, she noted that people should not be expected to attend events unless they want to.

New Business: There are four vacancies to be filled before the first meeting in the fall. The vacancies will be posted on the website and advertised in the Reminder. It was suggested to have an informational meeting for new members in August to explain how the grant process works.

Rebecca volunteered to update the website just for the summer.

Dick volunteered to keep track of the email account.

Dick volunteered to be the interim contact until a new chair was secured. Hopefully Boston will agree. Renee will propose this to the contact person in Boston.

It was suggested that in the fall that a division of tasks would be agreed upon for committee members.

A very nice gesture occurred when members leaving the Council were surprised with cards and gift cards for their service.

Next meeting June, 5, at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Marion Canning