



South Hadley Cultural Council

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South Hadley Cultural Council
June 16, 2020, 5:00 PM, meeting held online

Present: Officers: Paul Lambert, chair. Dick Matteson, treasurer. Rebecca Slitt, secretary.

Members: Alexis Allen, John Anz, Ira Brezinsky, Leslie Fields, Keith Paul, Timna Tarr, Robin Wagner

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Treasurer's Report:

a. Total bank account as of June 15: \$6663.33

i. LCC Fund: \$6663.33

ii. Grant Fund: 0! All funds have been disbursed.

3. New Business.

Report from the MA Cultural Council: “your job is to work in partnership with grantees to ensure that projects take place in a new way or a later date. **We can grant extensions for FY 2020 projects through December 31 2021 (!)**” Grantees must ask permission for postponement in writing (ie, by email), and we must approve changes or extensions before they move forward. If they cancel their event entirely, then they need to return the money.

a. Things we don't know yet: what the state budget is going to be like for FY21; how we'll deal with managing the FY 20 events while we're also working on the FY21 events; whether we'll have reduced applications for FY 21 because organizations are on hold, senior centers/nursing homes aren't bringing in outside programs, school programs aren't possible, etc.

b. Our plan:

i. Anyone who has received grant funding for FY20 may EITHER request and receive an extension through Dec 2021; OR, decide to cancel and return the money by Oct 15. (If they don't realize until after Oct 15 that they need to cancel, that's OK; we won't be able to recycle the money to be granted for FY 21)

ii. If someone makes a very dramatic change to their event, then we will either have to reapprove it via subcommittee; or, they effectively cancel the FY20 event and reapply for the new and dramatically different event in FY21. (Just moving an in-person event online isn't dramatically different; we're talking about substantive changes. Dick will review the applications, and if any of them need subcommittee reapproval, he'll let us know.)

iii. Becky and Paul will craft an Excellent Statement to send out to grantees to tell them about this change.

There are a few SHCC members whose terms were about to end, but the town has extended everyone's terms because the town isn't appointing any new committee or council members. We also had a potential new member who was interested in joining, so she can't join! But she can attend meetings because anyone can technically attend meetings.

Meeting adjourned 5:37PM

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Slitt