



South Hadley Cultural Council

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June 28, 2021

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

Members: John Anz, Jen Ducharme

1. Approval of Minutes: no quorum, so we couldn't do it.
2. Treasurer's report
 - a. As of June 28, we have \$5690.25 in our account.
 - i. \$560 in the Grant fund: \$60 returned from an event that cost less than expected; \$500 from a recipient who has not received their funds because they have not sent in their forms – Dick is continuing to try to contact them.
 - ii. \$5130.25 Council funds.
3. 2020 Grant Cycle
 - a. Since our meeting in May, a few more recipients have sent in their final paperwork and rescheduled events for summer or fall. However, there are still some who have neither held an event nor cancelled. Council members should check in with the recipients for whom they're the contact person to check the status of their program. They have until Dec 31, 2021.
4. 2021 Grant Cycle
 - a. Paperwork: There are a few recipients who have not sent in their final paperwork for events that have already taken place; Dick is following up with them.
 - b. Publicity: John is sending schedules of our upcoming grant-funded events to SHC-TV to be broadcast. Dick has been telling recipients that we can help with publicity; some have sent us flyers or other publicity materials.
5. Community Engagement
 - a. The Council is due to have a community engagement event in 2021. We would like to have a Grant Q&A workshop: prospective applicants can ask questions about how to write a successful application, and past recipients can share advice.
 - i. Tentative date: Tuesday Sep 21: after High Holidays and well before grant application deadline
 - ii. In person or Zoom? TBD, but probably Zoom because of lower barrier to attendance. (And we've struggled to get in-person attendance at community engagement events even in non-pandemic times!)
6. Council Members and Officers for 2021-22
 - a. New members: we have a few openings on the Council, but no applicants yet.
 - b. Officers: Paul, Dick, and Becky would all like to continue in their current positions, but are also happy to step aside if someone new wants to be an officer. John would like to be Vice-Chair. No quorum, so we couldn't hold an official election. Between this meeting and the next, Paul will talk to the other Council members to see if anyone else is interested in being an officer.

Adjourned 5:34 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Slitt