



South Hadley Cultural Council
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Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Hybrid meeting: South Hadley Library Trustees Room and via Zoom

Attending: John Anz, Ira Brezinsky, Mary Anne Myers, Gerry de Berly, David Solender, Joy Jarne.

Meeting came to order with a quorum at 6:03.

1. Minutes from meeting on August 2, 2023. Ira asked that minutes revise the number of grantees with outstanding agreements and W9s from two to three, as he has not yet gotten anything from Silverthorne Theater. Minutes were approved with that change.
2. Treasurer's Report was approved. See page following.
3. Outstanding paperwork from 2023 grant cycle. Still waiting for Arts Extension Service Sector Recovery Gathering (Dee Boyle-Clapp, \$750) and The Fairy Festival (Cat Milo Keating Bezarke, \$500). All of Silverthorne Theatre's forms have been received, including final report.
4. Showcase South Hadley, October 7-8
 - a. Council members are encouraged to attend. They may choose to volunteer at southhadleyarts.org
 - b. Lineup, logistics, and fundraising are progressing well. On Saturday, Oct. 7, events will run on the Town Commons and nearby churches from 10:00 pm -10:00 pm. On Sunday, Oct. 8, events centered in the Falls will start at the Library at 10:00 am and run until 5:00 pm.
 - c. A motion was passed to commit \$2000 of the Cultural Council's \$5000 local reserve fund to Showcase South Hadley. (The remainder of this fund should be programmed or granted in the coming year.)
5. FY 2024 grant cycle Sept.1 -Oct. 17, 2023.
 - a. The Council will continue to promote the Grant Application cycle with press releases, social media postings, word of month and flyers. A presentation at an upcoming Selectboard meeting will also be arranged.
 - b. Members were asked to review the [rubric for evaluating applications](#) before the next meeting
6. Use of SHCC local / reserve fund for 2024
According to MCC guidelines for LCCs, the SHCC should work to program the remaining reserve funds (roughly \$3000) in the near future. Discussion will continue with a goal of spending the fund down by the end of 2024.



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7. The Council set a regular meeting time of 6:00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month in a hybrid format. The next meeting was set for Wednesday, Oct. 4.

8. Recruiting new members
Mary Anne will reach out to high schools and those who indicated interest on the Community Input Survey.

9. Leo Labonte presented his plan for the Falls walk during Showcase South Hadley.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Myers
September 21, 2023



South Hadley Cultural Council
 Treasurer's Report
 9/6/23

Prior Balance as of June 20, 2023

Local Fund	\$5,138.83
Grant Fund	<u>\$3,045.00</u>
Total Funds	\$8,183.83

Activity from 6/20/23-9/6/23

Grant Awards Dispersed	(\$1,075.00)
June Accrued Interest	\$2.21
July Accrued Interest	\$2.59
August Accrued Interest	\$3.48

New Balance as of September 6, 2023

Local Fund	\$5,147.11
Grant Fund	<u>\$1,970.00</u>
Total Funds	\$7,117.11

Grants Dispersed Detail:

Roger Tincknell \$275
 Valley Arts Mentors \$500
 Matt York \$300

Remaining grants to be dispersed once paperwork has been received:

Arts Extension Service \$750
 Cat Milo Keatinge Bezark \$500
 Silverthorne Theater Company \$600
 Total \$1,850**

**Note: We received an email on May 4 from Marie Rohan (Gaylord Memorial Seed Library and Children's Garden) that they would not be completing their project and therefore not taking their \$120 grant. Unless these funds are deferred to be used next year or repurposed to another project, the funds should be voted to be added to the Local Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ira Brezinsky



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