

Walpole Cultural Council
Meeting Minutes for 09/16/2019

Time: start 7:00 PM; end 8:00 PM

Place: Walpole Public Library

Present: Mimi Connell, Chris Weylman, Beth Formica, Kari Denitizio, Lynne Chiodo

Matters Discussed:

- Chris gave the Treasurer's Report. Account balance as of 9/11/19, \$7,759.88. There are payouts to grantees pending.
- The newspaper advertisement for the upcoming grant cycle were noted.
- The A-frame sign was posted on the common for two weeks. The council discussed placing this at the library for the interim two weeks, until it may be reposted on the common. Beth will handle relocating the A-frame.
- The possibility of a grantee reception was again discussed. The committee agreed that a reception would be a good opportunity to explain the new direct grant process and answer any questions. When the grantees are gathered, it will also be an opportunity to have the fill out necessary paperwork, such as the W-9 form, and to sign the agreement. Kari is going to reach out to either the Foxboro Cultural Council or the Sharon Cultural Council to see whether the two groups can meet to discuss how it runs its reception. Chris is going to reach out to Jean from the Franklin Cultural Council/Medfield State Hospital initiative to see whether she might be interested in speaking at a grantee reception. This discussion will continue and will be put on the agenda for the next council meeting.
- Chris summarized her meeting with the municipal fiscal officer where they discussed the new direct grant process, including the benefits and pitfalls of the new method for distributing funds. Questions were generated that were emailed to Walpole's representative at the MCC. The fiscal officer will get more information from the MCC and by reaching out to towns that participated in the direct grant pilot project.
- Social media- All emails should come from the cultural council g-mail account. The council's two Facebook pages were reviewed and all members agree that the pages should be streamlined to one. All photos will be saved, but the extra page will be removed. The new language relating the new direct grant process will be added to the Facebook page and there will be a link to the application. Chris met with town webmaster and sent him the direct grant language. Mimi is going to send everyone all passwords.
- Next meeting scheduled for 11/6/19

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