

Walpole Cultural Council

Meeting Minutes for 01/27/2020

Time: start 7:00PM; end 8:30PM

Place: Walpole Public Library

Present: Mimi Connell, Chris Weylman, Kari Denitzio, Mary McNamara Cullinane, Lynne Chiodo

Matters Discussed:

- Kelly A. from Boch Center filled the Council in on ArtWeek. She explained that it originally started in Boston and, beginning two years ago, it has become a state-wide 10 day cultural celebration. The purpose of Artweek is to give recognition to all that is going on culturally in the state.

Community programs that make art and culture accessible to everyone. It also has a goal of teaching people what goes on behind the scenes with art and cultural programs.

The Boston location is the Boch Center for Performing Arts. It is free to participate and anyone can host an event or participate, as long as they meet the following criteria:

- All 10 days
- May 1-10
- Accessible to the greater community
- Can charge for an event but no more than \$50
- Must include a hands-on element

Roughly 60% of events are free, and approximately 90% don't charge more than \$25.

There are currently 153 community partners that help spread the word by emailing all grantees. Community partners are given a tool kit to aid them in participating or spreading the word.

Kelly will send MA ArtWeek application to Chris, who will forward to the entire Council. After Kelly left, the Council agreed to become a community partner and to post information about ArtWeek on its Facebook page.

- Treasurer's Report- Chris gave the Treasurer's Report and updated the Council on the incoming grantee required documents. Account as of 12/30/19 was \$1,342.12. There's another \$700 check to be paid out. The MCC may have already deposited the new funds, since the end of December.
- Department of Conservation and Recreation- 5th grade poster contest. Judges are needed for March 10th.
- The Council had a brief discussion on charity events/fundraising events and whether or not the Council should consider doing one. No specific details or ideas were extensively discussed and it was left as something to think about for further discussion at another meeting.
- Next meeting scheduled for 2/24/2020 at 7:00PM in the Pinnacle Room at the Walpole Public Library.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

- Approved 2/24/2020.