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Minutes 08/13/2007

Arlington Cultural Council
Minutes of August 13, 2007
Robbins Memorial library

Arlington, MA

Present: Karen Dillon, Tom Formicola, Michele Meagher, Jean Yoder, Sharon Shaloo

Observing: Susan Murie, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Anyahlee Suderman

Visiting: Emmanuela Maurice

Tom Formicola called the meeting to order at 7: 30p.m.

Tom welcomed our three new Council members, Susan Murie, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel & Anyahlee Suderman who were formally accepted by the Board of Selectmen earlier in the evening. These three council members will be sworn in and ready to vote at our Sept meeting. He also greeted our potential council member, Emmanuela Maurice.

ITEM 1: Approval of July meeting minutes

The minutes were approved as amended.

ITEM 2 :RFP's

Two requests for payment were approved unanimously by the council:

Grant number 2006-03 Arlington Intergenerational Book Group

Amount requested: \$517.30

Grant number 2007-09 Karen Dillon, Bicentennial Art Hunt

Amount requested: \$850

Two projects from the 2006 grant cycle have not filed an RFP:

2006-02 Arlington Historical Society
2006-10 Cathy Garnett

Sharon reports the Richard Duffy will complete the paperwork for the

Arlington Historical Society grant, 2006-02.
Michele will follow up with Cathy Garnett, 2006-10

ITEM 3 : Town Day

Arlington Cultural Council will again sponsor "Art at Your Feet" during Town Day. Council assignments are appended to this document. Shifts are as follows:

8:15 to 10 a.m. Tom, Karen, Susan
10 to 11:30 a.m. Jean, Karen
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Anyahlee, Sharon
1 to 3:30, Stephanie, Tom, one more member

Item 4: New Members/New Roles

The Council will elect the remainder of its officers and make additional appointments during the fall meeting schedule. At tonight's meeting the following decisions were taken:

Sharon Shaloo was elected Treasurer of Arlington Cultural Council, replacing Elinore Kagan who has completed her service on the council. Sharon's term will run from July 2007 through June 2009. She presented the Council with a Treasurer's report, created by the recent past-Treasurer, Elinore Kagan. The report is attached.

Susan K. Murie has agreed to serve for a year as the PR coordinator for the Council.

Item 5: Other Business

1. Tom Formicola distributed final draft of the Grant Guidelines and requested any edits by Friday, August 17. He will distribute final copy after that time.

2. Jean Yoder proposed that the Council formally assign its members as liaisons to other cultural organizations in Arlington so as to advocate for grant applications from a diverse population. Initial assignments were made at the meeting, with all council members agreeing to seek out new groups during Town Day festivities:

Arlington Center for the Arts -- Karen Dillon
Arlington Friends of the Drama -- Tom Formicola
Council for Aging/Senior Center -- Tom Formicola
Old Schwamb Mill -- Tom Formicola
Arlington Philharmonic Orchestra (and other music groups) -- Stephanie Marlin-Curiel
Fidelity House -- Emmanuela Maurice
Arlington Children's Theater -- Michele Meagher
Right Turn -- Susan Murie
Arlington Historical Society -- Sharon Shaloo
Robbins Library -- Sharon Shaloo
Boys & Girls Club -- Anyahlee Suderman
Cyrus Dallin Museum -- Jean Yoder
Arlington Educational Enrichment Fund -- Jean Yoder

The Council also agreed that all should make contact as possible with town officials, especially with the Board of Selectmen, State Reps, State Sen, and so on. Sharon Shaloo will coordinate contacts among the Council. Included in these contacts will be the Vision 2020 Culture and Rec committee headed by Nancy Barry.

No decision was made about contacts with the Townwide PTO or with the PTOs of the individual schools.

3. New Members reported that the Selectmen asked the council to redouble its efforts to reach out to minority groups, especially those with developmental delays/disabilities. The Council hopes that its new outreach initiatives will generate interest in new quarters.

Item 6: New Member

In Executive Session, Emmanuela Maurice was approved unanimously as a new council member. Karen will contact her to begin her appointment process.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Shaloo, on behalf of Karen Dillon

Karen has reserved the conference room in the Robbins Library for the following upcoming meetings :

Monday, September 10th 7:30-8:45 Upstairs meeting room, Robbins Library

Monday, October 15th 7:30-8:45 Upstairs meeting room, Robbins Library

Please reserve these dates on your calendar.