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Cultural Council Minutes 06/05/2005

Subject: Meeting Minutes 6-06-05

Arlington Arts Council
 Minutes of June 6th 2005
 Jefferson Cutter House
 Arlington, MA

Present: Mary Babic, Betsy Campbell, Elinore Kagan, Michele Meagher, Karen Dillon, Jean Yoder and Margaret Ryding
 Absent: Shari Craig, Leland Stein, Amy Peters and Tom Formicola

Mary Babic called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

ITEM 1: A Review of Member Roles in the Council

Most of the roles have been filled. Jean Yoder has agreed to fulfill the role of corresponding secretary. Michele has agreed to be the Grant Cycle Coordinator. Jean will contact Cheryl H and MCC to determine which letters are needed for the grant cycle. Tom and Michele will help with the editing of the new letters.

ITEM 2: May Meeting Minutes

The council reviewed the minutes taken at the May meeting. one minor change-that Suzanne's name be removed from the Absent list -has been corrected. Michele moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Karen Dillon seconded the motion. All approved.

ITEM 3: RFP's (request for payment)

Grant # 2005-06 for the Arlington Center for the Arts \$ 250.00 (Galapagos puppets)

Michelle moved to approve, Betsy seconded-all approved.

Grant # 2005-05 for the Cyrus Dallin Museum \$ 200.00

Michelle moved to approve, Betsy seconded-all approved.

Grant # 2005-07 for the Arlington Public Schools \$ 400.00 (Urban Improve)

Mary moved to approve Michele Seconded-all approved.

ITEM 4: Fundraiser Subcommittee Report

The subcommittee has not met since May. Leland sent an email to council members suggesting the event take place on April 1, 2006. Deborah Henson Conant is interested in performing at the event if she is available that date. The council members present thought that sounded like a good plan.

ITEM 5: TOWN DAY

Town day permits will be issued the third week of June. Our permit will go to us care of the Town Hall. Michele will pick up the permit. The council talked about potential activities for the council to present at our town day booth. It was agreed that the art on the sidewalk is too labor intensive. Karen suggested that the council have a scavenger hunt of art landmarks along Mass Ave with the potential of prizes for children who complete the hunt. Michele meets a few times a year with other local Chamber Chairman and will report back with other potential ideas for town day.

ITEM 6: ADVOCATE ARTICLE

Mary wrote an advocate article this month about the Dallin museum kids guide. Her next article will be about the grant cycle. Michele suggested that we discuss at a future meeting the direction the council is going in and perhaps write about our "charter" in the future.

ITEM 7: RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Are we looking for new members? The council members in attendance agreed that the council should have more members and greater diversity.

Michele suggested that the Arlington Advocate end with a "boiler plate" that states something about who we are, what we do, that we are looking for new members and the public is always welcome to our meetings. Margaret suggested that we send out postcards to grantees. Karen suggested we have the board at the next Arlington Center for the Arts meeting announce that we are recruiting members. Elinore will talk to Cheryl H. about recruiting from Arlington teachers. Michele will print an announcement in the Chamber Newsletter. Mary will call it in to the Arlington Advocate.

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dillon

Karen has reserved the conference room in the Jefferson Cutter house for the following upcoming meetings :

July 11th

Aug 8th

Please reserve these dates on your calendar.

