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Minutes 09/09/2013

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2013
Arlington Senior Center, 7:30 pm

Present: Karin Blum, Eliza Burden, Becky Holmes-Farley, Maggie Husak, Margaret Moore, Scott Samenfeld

Elisabeth Taylor, prospective member

Absent: Margaret (Margo) Barrett, Joe Burns, Kurt Fusaris, Wendy Glaas

At 7:38 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ITEM 1 Approval of August Minutes

The August meeting minutes were reviewed and APPROVED unanimously with two minor revisions.

ITEM 2 Elect new Treasurer

Maggie was unanimously APPROVED as the new treasurer. Eliza informed the Council that the 2013-14 allocation from the MCC has increased from last year to \$10,510.

ITEM 3 RFPs

- 2013-14 Chairful Where You Sit - has submitted
- 2012-06 EcoFest/Raingarden - has submitted, Martha closed it out before she completed her role as treasurer
- 2013-27 Arlington Alive - ATED has not yet submitted paperwork as expected; Margaret will follow up with Tom Davison.

Eliza mentioned two outstanding grantees that collaborated with other town entities: True Story Theater and AIFF. The Council discussed the idea of giving an award or some kind of recognition from the ACC.

ITEM 4 Report on Outstanding Grants

- 2013-03 Arlington Center for the Arts - Karin reported that they are behind on completing their project; it should be October when they submit
- 2013-07 True Story Theater has at least one more funded event coming up. Maggie will be the new liaison
- 2013-09 Friends of Waldo Park - Margaret will be the new liaison for this project and check in with Stephanie about the status of the sculpture.
- 2013-11 Opera Unplugged (Anna Christina Lawrence) - Event scheduled for Friday, November 8, 7pm, Town Hall: Joe is the liaison
- 2013-18 Ruth Harcovitz - Karin will check in with her on her program planning
- 2013-20 - Delvena Theater - Eliza will check in with them on dates

ITEM 5 Town Day Planning

- The sign up sheet was reviewed and filled
- We have not been notified about our location yet
- We need to display grant cycle info at the table including workshop date and grant application deadline

ITEM 6 Grant Cycle Business/Publicity

- Eliza submitted article with grant cycle info to Wicked Local and posted to the ACA FB group
- Margaret reviewed Dates and Locations for Grant Cycle Meetings (see below)
- 9/25 Grantwriting Workshop - Margaret will give a brief introduction to begin the workshop and will cover: a review of the application (including sample); our funding priorities; examples of successful past projects. Margaret M., Scott, and Eliza will attend the workshop; Maggie is a maybe
- Legislators have not been sending out our press releases so Karin decided not to send it
- Wendy sent grant cycle information out to our Yahho mailing list
- We discussed having a table at Arlington Open Studios to recruit new members
- Eliza will send grant cycle info to the partners: APA, ATED, ACA, Vision 2020, Cultural Commission.
- We discussed the possibility of arriving at 7pm for our October 21 meeting to help collate grant application packets for Council Members

ITEM 7 Vote on New Member

Elisabeth Taylor was APPROVED unanimously as a new member of the Council.

ITEM 8 Recruiting efforts

- Karen Dillon gave a few names that we need to follow up on

ITEM 9 New Business - 15 mins.

- We decided not to follow up on the special speaker event this year due to the Cultural Commission event on October 3

Future Meetings - Dates and Locations:

- o Saturday, September 21 - Town Day - set up by 8am, event runs until 3pm
- o Wednesday, September 25, Grant Workshop, 7-8:30pm - Robbins 4th Floor Conference Room
- Thursday, October 3, Arlington Cultural Commission Community Meeting, 7-9:30pm, First Floor Conference Room, Senior Center
- Monday, October 21 - Council Meeting, 7:30-9pm, Lower Level Conference Room, Senior Center
- November 6 - Delvena Theater present Jack the Ripper
- November 6 & 7 - Grant presentations, 7pm, Selectmen's Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall
- Friday, November 8 - Opera Unplugged (Anna Christina Lawrence), 7-8pm, Town Hall
- o Sunday, November 24, Grant deliberations, 1-5pm - Jefferson Cutter House Lower Gallery