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Minutes 10/21/2013

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2013

Arlington Senior Center

Present: Eliza Burden, Joe Burns, Maggie Husak, Margaret Moore, Scott Samenfeld, Elisabeth Taylor

Absent: Karin Blum, Wendy Glaas, Becky Holmes-Farley

Visitor: Frank Tadley

The meeting was called to order at 7:48pm

The Council welcomed Frank, who attended the grant workshop and is interested in becoming a member.

ITEM 1 Approval of September 2013 Minutes

The September meeting minutes were reviewed and APPROVED unanimously.

ITEM 2 RFPs and Outstanding Grants (Eliza/Maggie)

- 2013-18 Ruth Harcovitz - Paperwork has been submitted and given to Maggie. The ASA requested a program change so Ruth performed American rather than Italian works. The Council agreed that this program change was in line with our funding parameters.
- 2013-03 Arlington Center for the Arts - Arlington Interactive - reported that they should finish the project by the end of October
- 2013-09 Waldo Park - Margaret will follow up to see where they are with this project
- 2013-07 True Story Theater - just finished final performance, we should be getting reimbursement request soon. Scott attended and said it was excellent.
- 2013-23 Dallin Museum - Wendy reported that they are on target to finish by end of year. She has served as a proofreader to help them get the project done (thank you, Wendy!).

ITEM 3 Town Day Recap

- The new location right on Mass Ave. really increased traffic at the table
- The art project was not missed-since we were not busy managing materials/artists we could spend more time engaging with community members about the work the Council does.
- It's important to stand up at the table and reach out to passersby to get conversations going
- Margaret Moody puppetry was very successful in bringing kids/families to the table. True Story Theater had less success, perhaps because their art is not as "street" accessible. Next year we should have the corresponding secretary write a note inviting grantees to participate at table once again.

ITEM 4 Sept. 25 Grantwriting Workshop Recap

Margaret gave a brief PPT presentation on the ACC grant cycle and application process. We had about 6-8 people there and many stayed to ask questions or network with colleagues. Margaret will save presentation to Dropbox for future use.

ITEM 5 Treasurer's Report/Calculating Amount Available for Granting

The year our allocation from the state is \$10,510. We have approximately \$2800 in the locally raised fund and will decide how much (if any) of those funds we will use as grant money in 2014 when we meet to deliberate in November.

ITEM 6 Grant Cycle Business

24 Grant applications were received and distributed to members of the Council. Some applicants were not notified of the 12 copy rule, so those applications are in Dropbox for members to print or use on electronic devices. Margaret will check to see if there is wireless available at the Cutter Gallery.

Wendy will contact all applicants to invite them to presentations and then notify the council about who will present each night.

For our deliberation meeting:

- Eliza will borrow a large paper pad/easel for our note taking
- Margaret will send out notes from last year regarding our process: what worked and how we might like to do things during this year's deliberation meeting
- A food sign up sheet was sent around at the meeting, which Margaret will circulate via email for those who were not present at the meeting
- Frank expressed interest in attending our deliberation meeting; Maggie will check with the MCC and so that we can get back to him

ITEM 7 New Business/New Initiatives

- Review of Oct 3 Cultural Commission Discussion
- o Feedback: it would have been great if the meeting was held in a large enough space to accommodate the huge turnout
- o Would have liked time for introductions/networking
- Scott will work on a nomination for AIFF for a Gold Star award. We will ask them to speak for 10 minutes at our April event as we recognize their outstanding work on collaboration with other town organizations.

ITEM 8 Upcoming Events

- October 23-27 - Arlington International Film Festival, Regent Theater
- November 6 - Delvena Theatre's Who was Jack the Ripper? (for ages 14+) , Robbins Library, 7 pm
- November 8 - Opera Unplugged (Anna Christina Lawrence), Arlington Town Hall.

Future Meetings

November 6th and 7th -- Grant Applicant Presentations, Town Hall, 2nd Floor Hearing Room, 7pm

November 24th -- Grant Deliberations, Jefferson Cutter House, 1-5 pm

December 9th - Cultural Council Meeting, 7:30pm, Lower Level Conference Room, Senior Center