

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes
Sunday, November 23, 2014 Meeting, 9 am to 1 pm
Jefferson Cutter House, Lower Gallery, Arlington, MA

Present: Eliza Burden, Karin Blum, eliSabeth Taylor, Jeff Boudreau, Scott Samenfeld, Maggie Husak, Suzi Lubar, Wendy Glaas, Joe Burns

Meeting called to order at 9:17 am.

ITEM 1 Approve October Minutes

The October meeting minutes were reviewed and APPROVED unanimously.

ITEM 2 Requests for Payment (RFPs)

Maggie did not receive any new RFPs since the October 2014 meeting.

ITEM 3 Report on Outstanding Grants

2014-01: Samantha Fleishman ("Stop Requested"): Karin has been trying to reach Samantha. The play is scheduled to take place on December 16th.

2014-06: Arlington Public Art: all set, Maggie needs to send off paperwork to Mass Cultural Council.

2014-09: Eulipia Jazz Concert Series: extension pending, one remaining concert planned in January 2015.

2014-10: Arlington Center for the Arts (TEDx): project will not be going forward, need to submit a formal letter in order for funding to be rescinded.

2014-14: ATED: submitted paperwork and is all set.

2014-15: True Story Theater: Last performance was in September and they need to submit final report and RFP. Wendy will follow up with Christopher Ellinger.

2014-19: ArlingtonWrites: Kendall Dudley plans on publishing submissions by December 10.

ITEM 4 Treasurer's Report

Maggie presented the results of her work on the grant allocation worksheet:

- Our allocation from the state is **\$11,280** this year and there is a 5% administrative holdback of **\$564**. After the administrative holdback, funds of **\$10,716** were remaining for distribution. The Council unanimously approved the deduction of the 5% administrative fee.

- In addition, the ACC already had **\$1,201.08** in reverted funds from 2014 and **\$254.90** in leftover administrative funds from the past year. This brought the total required for distribution up to **\$12,171.98**.
- The Council voted unanimously to take **\$328.02** of the locally raised funds and add it to the 2015 granting pool for a total of **\$12,500**.
- Also reported: the Council spent \$270.60 in FY2014, the bulk of which was used on the spring reception. The Council agreed to discuss the budget for the reception at the January 2015 meeting.
- The Council is due to collect community input in FY2015.

ITEM 5 Grant Deliberations

Deliberations began at 9:52 am. Council members started by reviewing Maggie's notes from our Mass Cultural Council liaison, Jennifer Atwood, regarding eligibility of particular requests for funding.

The Council unanimously decided to fund (either wholly or partially) 19 out of 31 grant applications for a total of \$12,500. Grant size ranged from \$200 to \$1,200. We reviewed the reasons for not approving the remaining 12 applicants, and Joe will be sending out letters of explanation to these applicants.

ITEM 6 New board member

The board unanimously approved the election of new member Renee Cameron to the Council.

ITEM 7 New business

- The next two ACC meetings (December 8th and January 12th) will be held in the art room at the Senior Center.
- We are still without a Recording Secretary, and will be electing officers at the January 12th meeting.
- Jeff mentioned the Mass Cultural Council's October webinar ("LCC: Advocating for Municipal Funds"), which can be seen on the MCC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dey3M1aodkU>. Jeff recommended that part of January's meeting be used to discuss and arts funding budget line item from the town.