

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes
Sunday, November 15, 2015 Meeting, 1-5pm
Jefferson Cutter House, Lower Gallery, Arlington, MA

Present: Joe Burns, Nilou Moochhala, Karin Blum, Suzi Lubar, Scott Samenfeld, Lauren Richmond, Elisabeth Taylor, Jeff Timperi, Jeff Boudreau

Meeting called to order at 1:10pm

ITEM 1 Approval of October minutes

The October minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM 2 RFPs and Outstanding Grants updates

All outstanding RFPs are past their 60 day due date. The council voted unanimously to enforce a deadline of 12/1/15 for RFP submission. Joe will notify True Stories, Jeff T. will notify Legendary Locals, and Jeff B. will notify Family Dance.

Grant Number	Grant Recipient	Status
01	Legendary Locals of Arlington (Barbara Goodman and Marjorie Howard) – a 128-page book. \$800	Book is finished, need to submit RFP, Jeff T to contact
04	Family Dance at Robbins Farm (Folk Arts Center of New England) – educator Marcie Van Cleave. \$550	RFP received, but needs additional documentation, Jeff B to contact
31	True Stories of Environmental Citizen Action (True Story Theater) \$800	Complete, need to submit RFP Joe contacted them, says they will do it

ITEM 3 Treasurer's Report/Calculating Amount Available for Granting

The council has been allocated \$12,300 from the MCC for 2016. Local councils can hold up to 5% of the allocation for expenses, which would be \$615. There is also a \$71 carry over from 2015 that was not spent by a grantee. Due to a change in treasurers, exact figures for other money available to the council were not available. The council voted to allocate \$12,000 at this meeting, with the provision that a completed Treasurer's report be available at the December meeting. Based on that report, allocations may be adjust slightly. Karin will meet with Jeff T., and perhaps past treasurer Sharon Shaloo to ensure completion of the treasurer's report. Joe may also attend.

ITEM 4 Deliberations

Karin began by proposing the process to be followed for deliberation. Deliberations began at 2:01pm.

The Council unanimously decided to fund (either wholly or partially) 17 out of 27 grant applications for a total of \$12,000. Grant size ranged from \$200 to \$1,500. The council reviewed the reasons for not approving the remaining 10 applications, and Elisabeth will be sending out letters of explanation to these applicants. Additionally, the council felt that a few applicants would benefit from additional guidance from a council member for future years. Lauren, Elisabeth, Joe and Nilou will follow up with various applicants.

ITEM 5 Vote on Prospective Members

The council voted to recommend the appointment of Sherry Greene with one abstention.

Upcoming Events

- 12/2/15 6:00pm, A Chance to Dress
- 12/14/15 7:30pm, ACC meeting, Arlington Senior Center
- 1/11/16 7:30pm, ACC meeting, Arlington Senior Center
- 2/8/16 7:30pm, ACC meeting, Arlington Senior Center
- 3/14/16 7:30pm, ACC meeting, Arlington Senior Center