

## Arlington Cultural Council Minutes

May 14, 2018, 7:30-9pm

Town Hall Annex, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

Attendance:

Member Name	Present?	Member Name	Present?
Kimberley Harding, Co-Chair	no	Asia Kepka	Yes
David Harris, Publicity Coordinator	Yes	Lisbet Taylor, Co-Chair	Yes
Becky Holmes-Farley, Corresponding Secretary	Yes	Jeff Timperi, Treasurer	Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7:25p.

1. Approval of previous April 9 minutes – approved unanimously.  
(David Harris arrived after this vote.)
2. Treasurer’s Report
  - Outstanding grantee contracts: Middle Eastern Dance; Magnolia Park; Delvena Theatre; True Story Theater from 2017 grant (was extended from last year; workshop given, so need a Request for Payment).
  - 4/23 Reception: Trio paid; Lisbet reimbursed \$10 for FoodLink; Receipts needed from Asia and **from Kimberley (poster) for reimbursement.**
3. Corresponding Secretary/Grantee Status.
  - True Story Theater said they’d be happy to emcee in future.
  - Jane Dougan emailed that Christopher Ellinger’s coaching was very helpful for her speech for the reception.
  - Some grantees don’t remember who their liaisons are, so if simple, Becky handles them.
  - Tommy Rull emailed his appreciation for the grant and for the State’s commendation.
4. Gold Star Award Nomination – “Talking Chair.” Becky proposed it should be nominated. David had an extended conversation with the inventor about how the project should be disseminated to other venues. Becky had contacted MCC’s Lisa Simmons who advised that while “Gold Star” awards have been discontinued, ACC should **send a blurb to MCC anyway. Kimberley** is the liaison. Discussion followed re other places for it to be shown. Becky suggested Rockport, MA. – “Awesome Rockport” (<https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en>) awards \$1,000 grants.

5. "Art in Windows" Initiative – ASIA.

- Ali Carter and Adria Arch, personnel. – Asia felt the procedure has been compromised as follows.
- Seven artists applied. - Judges: 6 people -- including Ali, Adria, Asia and the owner of the window.
- The scheduled meeting to decide upon artists was cancelled and not rescheduled; instead, it was decided by doodle poll. Each judge picked her/his favorite artist. The owner made a decision about a tie, that was accepted with no discussion.
- Adria asked Asia to take over from her and help run the project. Asia felt obliged to have her partner design the poster, but was unavailable to administer the project, which was unexpected, unanticipated, and not in keeping with the original grant proposal (\$793).
- Ali is now working on the project. Adria felt enough of her time had been spent on it.
- Four artists were selected @ \$150 stipend each + 1 unpaid High School student, although the original RFP said \$200 stipend.
- The winners were announced. - The first project is in place.
- Asia will send documentation.

6. Migration from Dropbox to Googledocs, as Dropbox says ACC has reached its limit.

Google allows 5x as much free space as Dropbox. We can use the ACC google account. David will make the transfer. Once the ACAC website is up, archives can be stored there.

7. APRIL 23 SPRING RECEPTION DEBRIEF

Location -- Robbins Library Community Room: Andrea said we were good tenants and she would be happy to host us in the future. The room size allows an intimate atmosphere to meet the grantees.

Format – Only grantees present should give a full project description; For those not present, only the project name should be given.

Date – In past, same as Town Meeting. No longer feasible. We should choose other date, and not in conflict with Passover.

Time -- Set-up: 5pm; Event: 6:30-8pm: This worked well.

Budget – Projected: \$300; ACTUAL: \$160 + \$35? (poster)

Invitation – RESPONSES: Only 3. It is what it is. Perhaps add venue owners to the invite list?

Number of attendees – c. 30-35.

Food: Choice? Quantity? – Too much food. We should no longer use FoodLink (for folks in need.). Vendors were acknowledged at Reception from the podium and with table signs. Asia will send Thank yous. Asia suggested next year, she could ask for corporate donations, by starting ahead, to give enough lead time to submit required applications.

Decorations – Awesome. We need to remember to bring the banner.

Emcee – Last minute switch from Christopher Ellinger to Lisbet, due to mis-communication. It worked fine.

Equipment – Podium and microphone worked well.

Music – it was good using students. We should continue. Acoustic music is best, no drums was good.

Publicity – Pre and Post: Asia is going to put her slide show up on FB.

ACMI – No, because of Town Meeting.

Request feedback from grantees? No!

To interest larger crowd – Suggest making it part of a performance or art show.

8. ACAC implementation of \$5,000 budget granted to ACC from Town. Discussion needed with ACAC re how the funds will be used. The original understanding from ACAC meetings is that it will be for ACAC projects.
9. TOWN DAY – Last year ACC paid for the booth and it was shared with ACAC and Arlington Public Art. This year, apply through ACAC.
10. **Other Business:** Arreen Andrew’s email to ACC members re Watertown Library MCC regional mtg Thursday, June 7, 6-8pm w/Arreen: “Agenda: Discuss what’s happening in Greater Boston with people working at the intersection of arts, culture, and community. Share and collaboratively develop your region’s Power of Culture and create an action plan for the year ahead.” Tentative attendees: Asia + LT + ? [REGISTER BY MAY 30TH.](#)
11. **Recruitment:** David had suggestions from Cecily Miller (former Chair, Somerville Arts Council). a) Ask past grantees to become members – discussed as a very workable idea; b) have past grantees be on the judging panel – not felt to be useful for ACC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

**GRANTEE GRID**

Grantee	Project Title	Award	Liaison	Date	W-9	Grant Agrmt	Final Rept	Notes
<b>Arlington Center for the Arts</b>	I'm New Here: Perspectives on Migration	\$800	Becky	No date certain -- Fall 2018	yes	yes		
Arlington Center for the Arts	Artist Survival Series	\$500	Becky	3/10&24;4/14	yes	yes	YES	At Old Schwamb Mill. Completed programs. 55 artists attended and two additional artists were involved. Very well received.
<b>Arlington Cultural Council</b>	Art in Windows Initiative	\$793	Asia	May-Dec.	yes	yes		4 adults + 2 teenagers
Arlington Philharmonic Soc.	Almost-Spring Concert	\$1,000	Dave	Mar. 11	yes	yes		
<b>Arlington Public Art</b>	Pathways: Art on the Minuteman Bikeway	\$1,000	Dave	April-Nov 2018	yes	yes		
<b>Claudia Donnet</b>	Middle Eastern Dance	\$600	Jeff	Fall 2018				outstanding
<b>Courtney Sundell</b>	Public Art at Magnolia Park	\$500	Kimberley	Summer 2018				Outstanding – waiting to hire artists. Call for artists is out.

<b>Cyrus Dallin Art Museum</b>	Restoration and Unveiling	\$1,000	Kimberley	Jan-June	yes	yes		Restoration is going well. Talk in June. Booked Lyons Room at ATH.
Dan Fox	Workshop and Jam Session	\$1,500	Jeff	Apr. 28-29	yes	yes		
<b>Delvena Theatre Company</b>	Isabella	\$400	Lisbet	Nov. 8				Outstanding - LT emailed her grant agreement 2/26, at her request.
Emily Calvin-Bottis	Talking Chair	\$774	Kimberley	Month of April -- opening: 4/5	yes	yes		All things going well. 20 poets have contacted them. Opening: April 5: 3-3:30p. On display month of April.
[Family Folk Chorale]	[Family Folk Chorale]	[\$750]	Jeff	--	--	--	--	Revised project DECLINED.
Gail McCormick	Our Changing Town	\$800	Lisbet	Mar 20-Apr 26 -Reception March 22	yes	yes	YES	Reception: March 22 – ATH 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flr., 5-7p .
<b>Marion Carroll</b>	Music to Cure MS	\$500	Asia	10/28, 3-5p	yes	yes		At Park Ave. Congregational Church, 50 Paul Revere Rd., Arlington
<b>Paul Marotta</b>	Arlington Seniors Story Wall	\$1,500	Asia	10/22/18	yes	yes		Monday 10/22 is new date. Up for 2 months.
<b>Robbins Library</b>	Arlington Author Salon	\$900	Asia	Quarterly	yes	yes		Asia w/contact re forms
Thompson School PTO	Art of Ancient Greece and Rome	\$595	Dave	Jan-2018	yes	yes	YES	Project Completed.
Tommy Rull	A Musical Journey Through the Years	\$150	Becky	March 29	yes	yes	YES	Completed. Final Report Received. 22 attendees at Senior Center, mostly women. Well received.
<b>True Story Inc.</b>	The Listening Project	\$1,000	Lisbet	Spring 2018 (4 events) 4/17; <b>7/11</b>	yes	yes		Last year's final event postponed to May 1 <sup>st</sup> due to storm; 4/17 Robbins 7pm; <b>7/11 Robbins, 7pm</b>

Next ACC Meeting: June 11, 7:30-9pm, Town Hall Annex, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room.