## Mendon Cultural Council MEETING MINUTES December 13, 2016

Joyce Firth-Chair Kathleen Murphy-Secretary Marty Fletcher-Treasurer Debbie Perro- Publicity William Moffett Mary Walling

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

- 1. The regular meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council was called to order at 7:04PM in the lower level of the Old Taft Library.
  - A. All members were present.
- 2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:
  - A. Minutes for November 2016 were accepted without changes.
- 3. TREASURER'S REPORT:
  - A. Treasurer, Marty Fletcher, submitted a TOWN OF MENDON General Ledger Report showing two reimbursements paid out, and our annual post office box payment made since the last meeting.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Feedback regarding the new online application was discussed. Members have received an evaluation from the MCC and were encouraged to submit their comments for improving the process.
  - B. An appeal of a disapproval of the John Root application for his "Organic Gardening for Everyone" event for the 2017 FY grant cycle had been made to the MCC.
    - a. The MCC agreed to uphold our decision to disapprove, however, since the matter was on the agenda, the Council agreed to re-visit the application.
    - b. Upon closer inspection of the application, the Council found that it failed in several areas needed for our approval, according to our posted Guidelines.
    - c. The Council agreed unanimously to uphold the original decision to disapprove the application.
    - d. Mr. Root will be notified of this decision via email.

- C. 350<sup>th</sup> Choral event update:
  - A. The 350<sup>th</sup> Committee has asked for member names of those who would agree to being on the sub-committee for Mother Mendon Sings.
  - a. All members agreed to serve on this committee. Bill Moffett reminded the Committee that he would be out of state at the time of the event, but would be helping where possible until that time. Dan Byer will be sent all committee members names.
  - b. The concert director's resume, the repertoire, and other information was shared with the committee.
  - c. Members were encouraged to view the MMS webpage mendon350.com (Events drop down menu/March 2017 event) for a better understanding of the planned program and the planning process.
- D. Parade Involvement: Joyce Firth has mentioned to the 350<sup>th</sup> parade committee the Council's desire to in the parade.
  - a.The Council will need to firm up an idea on how to participate.
  - b. Kathleen Murphy will look into the possibility of finding an appropriate vehicle to ride in or turn into a float.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The Council agreed that the new LCC online applications were lacking important information that was necessary in order for members to make our granting decision.
  - a. It is helpful to know which other CC's had been solicited for grant funds and how much had been requested.
  - B. Items Not Anticipated for Discussion
    - A. Bill Moffet had an issue regarding payment of his event, Birch Alley Brass concert for the 2016 calendar year. Joyce Firth will contact the MCC for assistance in solving that problem.
    - 6. NEXT MEETING **JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00PM** Old Taft Library, if available.
    - 7. The meeting was adjourned at 8: 09PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Firth/KM, Secretary