

MENDON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

- √ Joyce Firth, Chair
- √ Debbie Perro, Secretary
- √ Ellen Gould, Treasurer
- √ Tina Jankauskas
- Michael Fater
- Mary Walling
- Bill Moffett

- I. **Call To Order:** The regular meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council was called to order at 7:02 PM at the Town Hall.
 - A. The above checked members were present.
- II. **Minutes:** Minutes from the 11/13/2018 meeting were read and accepted without changes:
- III. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - A. Treasurer, Ellen Gould presented a current spreadsheet from the accountant showing a balance as of 12/17/2018 of \$5018.35.
 - a. The spreadsheet did not show any activity after that date.
 - B. Reimbursements from FY 2018 funds were reviewed showing only one non-reimbursed grantee for FY2018, Blackstone Valley Community Chorus. At the end of the meeting , however, the reimbursement form from BVCC was discovered in the Council's mailbox. It is unknown how long it had been there. Members decided to simply accept it as a late request. Signatures were obtained before members disbursed, and the request will be processed immediately.
 - C. MCC annual accounting was shared with members to familiarize them with the process.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. A printout of FY2019 grantees, their events and the event dates was shared with members. And will be attached to these minutes.
 - a. Ellen Gould will update our FaceBook page with this information.

- b. Debbie Perro will write a press release for the local newspapers announcing Mendon's Grant Recipients for 2019.
- B. Council discussion regarding fund raising resumed.

Again, the discussion centered around our right, according to the MCC and Mass government law, to retain the funds we raise for our own Council purposes, vs. the Town of Mendon's practice of requiring the raised funds to be deposited in the general fund.

 - a. Joyce Firth had contacted Jenn Welch, Town Treasurer inquiring as to how the Council would deposit any funds raised. That question was not able to be fully addressed as the Town has never allowed any committee to retain raised funds, and therefore has no process for that.
 - b. It was decided that Ellen Gould would request a meeting with Jenn Welch, and/or the Town Accountant, in order to share and familiarize them with the current applicable State statutes as they have been presented to us, in hopes of establishing a way that this Council can raise and use our own funds for the sole purpose of providing more and better Arts/Cultural events for this community.

V. **New Business:**

- A. The status of our current membership was discussed.
 - a. Mary Walling no longer appears at Cultural Council meetings, or participates in any way with Council business. Although she had expressed her desire to leave the Council more than a year ago, and was advised to contact the Board of Selectman with that request, it is our understanding that she has not done that. At the time of this writing, she has not responded to calls, emails, or texts from any Council member in more than a year.
 - b. The Council discussed removing Mary Walling from our membership. Joyce Firth will contact Board of Selectman secretary to inquire how we go about that.
 - c. Bill Moffett has also had many absences over the past year due to extensive surgery that has laid him up for many months. He is asking to be replaced on the Council, but is willing to stay on until we can find a new member to take his seat.

- d. Presently, Council members are all actively trying to recruit new membership.

VL. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 7:00PM, at Town Hall, if that is available.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Firth, Chair (DP)

MCC Mendon Cultural Council FY2019 Grantees

Birch Alley Brass/Bill Moffett Uxbridge	Concert 12/9/19	
A Sense of Place/Matthew Merten	bussing Oct-Jan 2019	NRHS
A Universe of Stories/Scott Jameson Library	6/25/19	Taft
Blackstone Valley Comm Chorus Chapel, Uxbridge	Spring 2019	Valley
Blackstone Valley Comm Concert Band	Summer 2019	Town
Island Vacation/Roger Tincknell Center	May 1, 2019	Sr.
Daniels Farmstead Music Farmer's Market	Sundays July-Oct	
Amazing Hero Art/Kelly Lucier Elem School	March 15, 2019	Clough
Greater Milford Comm Chorus Milford Town Hall	May 4/5, 2019	
School newspaper/Karen Arnold Miscoe Hill MS	Oct 2018-June 2019	
Historical Portrayals by Lady "J" Center	March 19, 2019	Sr.
Mendon Fest/Dan Byer Memorial Park	8/24/19	
Music of the Beatles Beach	TBA	Town
Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra Milford Town Hall	February 2019	
Quintessential Brass/Leslie Havens Beach	Aug 7, 2019	Town

Cosmic Classics/NE Brass Band
Cong Church

5/31 & 6/2/2019

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