

# Mendon Cultural Council

Minutes June 7, 2016

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. The regular meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council was called to order at 7:22 PM at the Mendon Senior Center.

B. Members present: Joyce Firth-Co-Chair; Marty Fletcher, Treasurer; Monika Schmid; Kathleen Murphy, Secretary; Debbie Perro, Publicity

## **II. MINUTES ACCEPTED**

A. Minutes of the April meeting had not been received by the members. A vote to accept them will take place at the next meeting.

## **III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. Treasurer, Marty Fletcher, supplied a General Ledger Report from the Accountant showing our balance as \$4548.01 with only one reimbursement, and several small interest payments processed since our last meeting.

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

A. MENDON 350<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: It was shared that Mendon 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration call for choral directors has gone out to all "children" and "grandchildren" towns of Mendon, Milford, Millville, Bellingham, Blackstone, Hopedale, Northbridge, and Upton. The want ad had been sent directly to the Director of the school Music program in all 8 towns.

1. To date, one (1) resume and letter of application has been received. However, it was submitted to the Mendon 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary secretary through the Mendon 350<sup>th</sup> site. A request was sent to Dan Byer to add a link which will forward future applications directly to CC members, or to the LCC site.

2. Choral Director applications are due the end of August. Hopefully, there will be many to review at the next meeting.

B. TOWN SURVEYS: Town Surveys were taken at the last town meeting. Results were shared, and will be used to petition the MCC to approve the LCC application for funds to be used for the 350<sup>th</sup> Choral event. That application will need to be submitted to the MCC in August.

C. NEW MEMBERS: We have been notified by Diane Willoughby that our newest member, Mary Walling, will be approved at the BOS meeting in mid June. That will bring the LCC membership to the needed 5 for voting.

1.It was suggested that a request be made to the Supt of Schools office to put out a call in their media postings for a parent member to the Cultural Council. Debbie Perro will write the copy, and Kathleen Murphy agreed to follow it through to the Supt. Office.

D. It was suggested that we obtain permission form the BOS and Town Hall to hang our call for applications/ and call for new members banners in front of the Town Hall as early as possible this year. Kathleen Murphy agreed to do this again this year.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. CHANGES TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS: All LCC's have been notified that changes will be made to the application process beginning this year. One change is that applications can be submitted online rather than continuing the use of paper/mail process. This would greatly reduce the paperwork on the LCC's end. Although it would be desirable to adopt this suggestion as soon as possible, the Council voted to allow paper applications for this one last year (2016) until repeat applicants could have time to hear about and conform to the new requirement. It was agreed that, by the end of the year, this Council's online information will be updated with all new, relevant changes to the application process.

B. Amy Kent from the Mendon Senior Center was present to thank the Cultural Council for sponsoring the recent play "An Accidental Wedding" which took place at the Sr. Center. She reported that it was well attended and very well received. She, also, passed along the MCC surveys that had been collected at the Sr. Center, And, she offered some suggestions for recruiting new members.

## **VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

A. The next meeting for the Council will be at 7:00PM on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at the Senior Center.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Firth, Co-Chair for Kathleen Murphy, Secretary