

Mendon Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2014

I. Call to order

Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council at 7:02 PM on September 25, 2014 at the Town Hall.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Marcy Singer-Chair, Joyce Firth- Secretary, Cynthia Donatelli, Marty Fletcher, Monika Schmid, Kathleen Murphy, Debbie Perro

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as read.

IV. Treasurer's report

a) Kim Park, Treasurer, was unable to attend. However, the report was presented by Marcy Singer, Chair. Our account reflects approximately \$4962.00. The final tally of available funds will be reported before the Council votes on grant applications.

V. Approval of receipts

- . a) Joyce Firth presented receipts for reimbursement for LCC business card order totaling \$31.99.
- . b) Kathleen Murphy presented for reimbursement receipt for LCC Application Deadline Banner totaling \$40.00.
- . c) Both reimbursements were voted on and carried unanimously.
- . d) Business cards were distributed to Council members with packets of 20 for the Town Hall, the Library, and the High School.

VI. Old Business

a) After contacting Bellingham Cultural Council, it was learned that they did not hold a grant writing workshop this year due to poor attendance in the past. It was learned, however that the Town of Lynn may have a power point presentation with similar content.

b) Cynthia Donatelli and Joyce Firth reported that their presentation regarding MCC grant opportunities for teachers at Nipmuc High School went well.

They recommended presentations for the other district schools be made in the spring or early summer so that teachers had time to prepare. Business cards and flyers were left at the H.S. for the teachers.

c) The new “Mendon Cultural Council Application Deadline” reminder banner is up in front of town hall.

VII. New Business

a.) The Mendon Country Fair will be October 11, 2014 with a rain date of October 15, 2014 at the vacant lot on the corner of Route 16 and North Avenue. There was much discussion as to whether or not the Council should have a presence at the fair this year, and if so, what could be offered to attract the public to our booth. It was decided that:

- The Council would wait to see if any “artsy” folks would offer to donate time to perform at the fair. Kathleen Murphy will look into this.
- The Council would approach the Mendon Zoo and the Mendon Drive-In to see if they might offer free tickets for a drawing. Debbie Perro and Joyce Firth will look into this.
- If performers and give-a-ways can be obtained, AND if we have

enough booth coverage from the membership, we will participate in the Fair. Joyce Firth, the Council's organizer for this event, will evaluate the participation and the level of involvement, and **by Monday, October 6, 2014** a determination will be made whether or not this Council will participate. It was discussed that if we move forward with the booth this year, a visual art "Cultural Quilt" project might be a good draw to our table. This project would involve fair-goers "Making Their Mark " by coloring/drawing, etc. a small square of paper which is assembled into a quilt-like mural, and which might be displayed somewhere in town at a later date.

- **VIII. Next Cultural Council Meeting is a voting meeting- Attendance by all members is essential !**
- a.) Council members will meet to vote on grant applications on Tuesday, **October 28, 2014** alternate date Thursday **October 30, 2014**.
- b.) **Marcy Singer-Chair will collect applications and copy them into packets for each member. She will notify members when the packets are complete and available for pick-up at the town Library. Members should review the applications and be ready to discuss them and then vote on them.**

VII. Adjournment

- a.) The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce L. Firth, Secretary