

Mendon Cultural Council
MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2017

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council was called to order at 7:02PM in the lower level of the Old Taft Library.

A. The above mentioned members were present.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes for December 2016 were accepted without changes.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

A. No Ledger Report was submitted, however two reimbursements had been paid out since the last meeting.

B. FY 2016 approvals and reimbursements were reviewed showing only two grants outstanding. Both grants were activities which took place in December 2016.

C. The issue with Birch Alley Brass reimbursement was resolved by the MCC. The reimbursement for that grant may be submitted in the summer as it always has in the past.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 350th Mother Mendon Sings event member involvement was discussed.

B. A complete overview of the event was given.

C. The schools and local choruses had all been contacted and committee members were assigned to follow up phone calls and be the point of contact for specific schools:

a. Mendon/Upton Dist., Northbridge: Kathleen Murphy

b. Uxbridge: Deb Perro

c. Millville/Blackstone: Marty Fletcher

d. Milford: Bill Moffett

e. Bellingham , Hopedale: Joyce Firth

D. The 350th parade committee has been informed of the Council's interest

in participating, however, no further progress has been made with specifics. The committee agreed to table further discussion about parade involvement until after the Mendon Sings event.

E. MCC granting guidelines were discussed.

a. Several changes to the existing guidelines were offered.

1. Adding “The CC will not be sending reminders for reimbursements”.
2. And, “Deadlines will not be extended for events which took place from January to June.”
3. It was also suggested speaking with MCC authorities about finding a way for applications to reveal what other towns had been solicited for grants and for what amount.

5. ITEMS NOT ANTICIPATED

A. Deb Perro shared frustration in getting this year’s grant recipient press release out in all newspapers. The Blackstone Valley Press and the Town Crier both have the article, however, calls to the Milford paper have not been returned.

6. NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 7TH,2017 7:00PM Old Taft Library, if available.

7. AJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Firth/KM, Secretary