

MENDON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2018

√ 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 7:06PM on Tuesday 8/14/18 at the Town Hall.
 - A. The above checked members were present.
- II. **Minutes:** Minutes from the May 22, 2018 meeting were accepted without changes.
- III. **Treasurer Report:** In the absence of a Treasurer, the Chair familiarized membership with the several reimbursements that were processed during the summer recess.
 - A. Membership was informed about the process of MCC Annual Accounting which has begun, and will be ongoing until all grant applications have been received and recorded with the State in December.
 - B. The deadline for grant applications for the 2019 granting cycle is October 15, 2018.
 - a. All applications will be submitted online via the MCC site.
 - b. Deb Perro will contact the BOS for permission to hang our "Deadline" sign at the Town Hall.
 - C. State appropriation of funds has already been approved by the Legislature. The exact amounts for distribution will be decided on August 28, 2018. Towns will be notified of their distribution after that date.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. Several recent Town emails regarding the use of revolving accounts were discussed. Apparently, membership had not received the

emails with these attachments. These will be emailed to all membership by the Chair, and will be reviewed to determine how they may or may not apply to the LCC fundraising efforts. Further discussion regarding this will take place at the next meeting.

- B. Several date changes for grantee events were shared, and will be posted on our Face Book page.

V. **New Business:**

- A. Elections were held for Council officers: The slate of: Chair-Joyce Firth; Secretary- Deb Perro; Treasurer- Ellen Gould was voted and passed unanimously.
- B. The membership voted unanimously to accept the maximum allowable amount for next year's operational budget. Since the MCC has not yet determined the distribution, that exact dollar amount is not yet known, however, the maximum allowable has typically been 20% of the Town's distribution.

VI **Items Not Anticipated For discussion:**

- A. Membership voted unanimously to reimburse Joyce Firth (2) two receipts for postage: \$2.13 and \$23.50, both mailings to Simeon Morrow, Music Director Mother Mendon Sings.
- B. The Council's involvement in the October Lion's Club Fair was discussed. If the event is to happen this year, the membership is agreeable to participate.
- C. Members were encouraged to review the Council's granting priorities as they appear on the MCC site, mass-culture.org, and to notify the Chair of any additions/modification they feel should be included. Further discussion, and final drafts will be written and approved at the next meeting.
- C. The American for the Arts survey was shared with Council members.

VI. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 11, 2018

VII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Firth, Chair (DP)