

Mendon Cultural Council
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2016

Joyce Firth-Chair
Kathleen Murphy-Secretary
Marty Flether-Treasurer
Debbie Perro- Publicity
Bill Moffett
Mary Walling

CALL TO ORDER:

- A. The regular meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council was called to order at 7:00PM at the Old Taft Library lower level.
- B. All members were present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- A. Minutes for September 2016 were accepted without changes and will be posted on the Town webpage as soon as possible by Secretary Kathleen Murphy.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. The Treasurer, Marty Fletcher, provided a recent spreadsheet of CC accounts showing 2 reimbursements paid out since our last meeting.
- B. The CC members voted unanimously to retain \$200.00 from the 2017 MCC disbursement for operating costs for the next granting cycle. This will leave our FY2017 granting funds at \$5374.
- C. Joyce Firth reviewed the status of all 2016 grant recipients as follows:
 - a. Recipients who have requested reimbursement-Greater Milford Community Chorus, Leslie Havens, Clafflin Hill Music, Steve Henderson, Karen Arnold, Mark Mandville, Christian Barnett, Jim Manning
 - b. Recipients who have not as yet filed for reimbursement-Ellis O'Donnell, Davis Bates, Blackstone Valley Community Chorus, Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band, Greater Milford Ballet, Diane Edgecumb.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 350th PARADE INVOLVEMENT: Council involvement in the 350th parade on September 24, 2017 was addressed. The general feeling is that the Council does wish to participate in some capacity- perhaps with a small float or just the members in a "period" vehicle. Joyce Firth will secure our spot with the 350th Parade Committee pending further discussion.
- B. 350TH ANNIVERSARY INVOLVEMENT: Discussion, updates and/or any information regarding the "Mother Mendon Sings" event were suspended in order not to bias the members when voting on the Cultural Council grant which will come before them in the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. GRANT VOTING FY2017: Changes within the Massachusetts Cultural Council website/application/contact were reviewed and discussed.
 - 1. The MCC panel book applications were briefly reviewed. Joyce Firth informed the membership that at least one other application had come in as a paper copy, and that several pages of supportive documentation for other applicants had also arrived in paper copy. These would be scanned and sent to all members via town email prior to voting.
- B. One member shared that they had contacted the Town Clerk to inquire about taking the Conflict of Interest Law test which for them was past their 2 year due date. They were instructed to hold off taking the test until they were notified to take it by the Town Clerk's office.

D. Open Meeting Law- Joyce Firth again reiterated the importance of not discussing grant applicants or applications outside of a CC meeting.

ITEMS NOT ANTICIPATED FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Posting upcoming Cultural Council events on the CC FaceBook page was discussed. Kathleen Murphy will continue to post and plug any event that is brought to her attention, especially CC sponsored events. She advised all members to "Friend" our FB page so that we will be notified of upcoming CC sponsored events in order that we may attend them.,

NEXT MEETING DATE **VOTING MEETING-ALL MUST ATTEND**

The next meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council is set for **Tuesday, November, 15, 2016 at the old library**, lower level. *Please bring with you your copies of the panel book, or your notes from viewing the panel book, (and a bottled water...This may be a longer meeting and there is a great deal of discussion.)*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Firth/KM