

Mendon Cultural Council
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2017

Joyce Firth-Chair
Debbie Perro- Publicity
Mary Walling
Tina Jankauskas
Alison Chu

CALL TO ORDER:

1. 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- A. Since the Council had taken a summer recess, minutes from the May 16, 2017 meeting were read, and afterward were accepted without changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Treasurer position is currently vacant. Joyce Firth reviewed the status of outstanding applications and reimbursements that had been submitted over the summer.
- B. September is the month Council Chair will meet with the Town accountant to reconcile the previous year accounts and prepare for the next year's funding allocation. Current bank balances will be determined at that time, and a report will be provided at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Throughout the summer, an urgent call was put out to the public for new members to replace the two departures from the Council. In response to newspaper recruitment, two residents expressed interest. The BOS approved these appointments. As a result, Alison Chu and Tina Jankauskas were introduced to the Council and welcomed as new members.

- a. Contact information was obtained from the new members.
 - b. Vacancies in the Secretary and Treasurer positions were discussed.
 - c. A vote will take place at the next meeting to fill vacant positions.
- B. Arts Advocacy Day in Franklin took place on May 24, 2017. Kathleen Murphy, a Council member at the time, had signed up to attend. However, after announcing her resignation from the Council she no longer wished to do so. With no one else prepared to go in her place, the Mendon Council was not represented at that gathering. The Chair was informed that it was a very informative and successful event.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. MCC: The Mendon Council's Funding Priorities were updated on the MCC website.
- a. Our MCC contact person has changed from Lisa Simmons to Charlotte Cutter.
Charlotte Cutter
Charlotte.Cutter@art.state.ma.us
617/858-2714
 - b. The MCC has adopted many new changes to the online application process. A tutorial is available online to help councils get ready for the application process. It may be accessed on YouTube - **LCC Webinar: Online Application Preview**. All members are encouraged to watch it to become familiar with the changes as soon as possible.
 - c. The Mendon Cultural Council has new login and password to our MCC portal where we may access application data and where we will obtain all of the applications at voting time. These new logins and passwords will be sent to members under separate, secure cover.
 - d. Unfortunately, due to Legislative timetables, the allocations for the 2018 grant cycle are still being determined. We will be informed by the MCC when that figure is available.
- B. The Council voted unanimously to participate in the Mendon 350th parade on September 24th as walkers holding our banner. Information regarding that will be forwarded to members. Joyce Firth will notify the 350th parade committee and file appropriate paperwork.
- C. The Council also expressed interest in having a booth at the Country Fair on Saturday, October 10, 2017. Information regarding that event will be

forwarded to members.

D. A grant modification request from Yankee Notions was discussed. Their original grant was for a performance on August 2nd at the town beach.

Unfortunately, that was rained out. The group secured with Dick Ferrucci an alternate performance date at the Country Fair on October 7th.

a. The Council voted unanimously to accept the modification. Tim Van Egmond of Yankee Notions will be notified.

E. The Chair raised the question of whether or not the Council needs a Post Office box which costs approx. \$72 /yr.

b. Almost all local councils use their Town Hall as their mailing address.

c. This issue will be voted upon when the Council is making decisions on how much of our 2018 funding should be secured for operating costs.

NEXT MEETING

A. The Council was unable to find an October date where all members could be present. ***Since this will be our voting meeting for grant applications, all members MUST be present.*** It was decided to meet early in November on:

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2017 AT 7:00PM

a. Securing Meeting space at the Town Hall will be attempted.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Firth, Chair