

Local Cultural Council Meeting
November 12, 2013

Present: Reba-Jean Shaw-Pichette, Carol MacBurnie, Jack Cavacco, Julie Cavacco, and Candace Bradbury-Carlin

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Deerfield Town Hall, 8 Conway Street.

Reorganization: Candace Bradbury-Carlin was welcomed as a new member.

In a motion made by Jack, seconded by Candace, and voted, Reba-Jean was elected Chair.

A motion made by Jack, seconded by Candice, and voted, was to also appoint Reba-Jean as the official signatory for Council business.

Reba-Jean explained the committee now has its own e-mail address and a mail box, so individual member personal emails and phone numbers do not need to be disclosed. There has been a problem in the past of applicants and others making unpleasant calls to members.

2013-2014 Applications: The allotment from Massachusetts Cultural Council is \$4,250.00, an increase from last year. There were 38 new applications totaling \$20,988 in requests.

Reallocation of funds: A list of projects for which reimbursement requests have not been received. Reba-Jean said usually the committee waits until January before reallocating unused funds from the previous year's awards. There is one award from 2011 that appears not to have been expended. (David Bates - \$250.00) A motion was made to release this money, making it available for reuse. A motion was made by Reba-Jean, seconded by Jack Cavacco, to reserve 2013 funds; \$25 – ACT, \$25 – First Church, \$75 – Tilton Library Upcycling, and \$150 PVPA Children's Theater until at least December 31, 2013. The vote was unanimous.

Available funds: New funds from the Mass Cultural Council - \$ 4,250.00

Reallocated funds 250.00

Donation from local artists 25.00

Total available funds: \$ 4,525.00

In order to be considered applicants need to show that they have a venue, the Council does not hire performances. A second concern is that the request is not greater than the cost of the activity. Priority is given to local non-profits, especially those free or discounted to Deerfield residents. The Council reviewed each application, noted letters of support, and agreed to support the following:

Daniel Daniels/ A Musical Journey -	14-002 - \$200
Daniel Prasol/ Franklin Tech School	14-003 - \$100
Tony Vacca/ Senegal American Project	14-011 - \$500
Pioneer Valley Symphony/Exploration	14-013 - \$500
Old Deerfield Productions/Frankenstein	14-015 - \$250

Deerfield Rec. Dept/Lonesome Bros.	14-017 - \$200
Deerfield Rec. Dept/Larry Berger	14-019 - \$200
Whitney Robinson / From the Horse's Mouth	14-020 - \$200
Tim Van Egmond/ St. Patrick's Day	14-022 - \$120
Sharin Alpert/ Mass Slavery Apology	14-024 - \$100
Roger Tincknell/ Winter Solstice	14-025 - \$150
Moonlight & Morning Star/July 4 th	14-026 - \$130
PVMA/Civil War Monument	14-027 - \$400
PVMA/Family Days	14-028 - \$400
Gregory Maichack/Sublime Sunflowers	14-029 - \$300
Swift River Valley Historical Society	14-030 - \$100
Doug Finn/FCAT Student Journalism	14-031 - \$225
Artisans of WMass/ Demonstration Day	14-033 - \$150
United Arc/ Bringing History Alive	14-034 - \$ 50
Hilltown Families	14-035 - \$100
John Root/ Songbirds	<u>14-036 - \$150</u>
Total:	\$4,525

Notification: Letters will be prepared and sent to advise applicants of the funds awarded and also to applicants who were not funded.

Annual meeting: The Council discussed setting a regular schedule for holding an annual voting meeting. The decision was to make the second Tuesday of November as the date, with the provision that if that date is a holiday the meeting will be the following day.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps