

Newbury Cultural Council meeting
12.3.11
Newbury Town Library

Present: Chris, Keith, Joanne, Pam, Joe, Sarah, Michele. Heidi arrived at 2:15

Call to order 1:22

Preliminary discussion of various applications:

- Marble collection: Out of jurisdiction. Libraries aren't involved. Nix: Joanne/Keith. Unanimous.
- NES: form done in haste.
- Tales & Ales: Joanne: high cost of tickets. Chris: dinner provided at event. HNE is growing the event.
- Firehouse: wrote grant for bringing Rhode Island based Kaleidoscope program in and keeping ticket prices for students low. Topical. Complete plan including educational goals.
- Chorus North Shore: In Ipswich. High request. Random other CC requests.

Discussion re non-renewal of non-reliance clause.

Michele suggested taking a first pass through the grants and see what the \$ works out to.

#1 Joppa Flats: Michele: underrepresented age group. Local. \$340

#2 Museum of Science: Michele: MoS are good programs. Keith: \$400

#3 Newburyport choral Society. Joanne recused herself. During festival weekend. \$200

#4 MV Philharmonic: High budget. Skip for now, see how much is left.

#5 NTL Irish Xmas music: happening next week. Last year successful. Was for St. Patrick's Day. How would they pay otherwise? Library in big trouble. Audience? Skip for now.

#6 Chorus North Shore. Nothing. Chris/ Michele

#7 Chamber Music \$200

#8 BCAC light opera: Targets seniors. \$250

#9 Tales & Ales \$350

#10 Harvest Festival \$75

#11 Jerry Atric, COA. No. Unanimous

#12 Theater in open: Joe recuses himself. \$400

#13 Firehouse Kaleidoscope Bully \$350

#14 COA. Gardner museum trip \$350

#15 Outdoor sculptures at Maudsley. Joe Sarah & Michele recuse themselves. \$300.

#16 Marble collection. Nothing

#17 Newburyport Literary Festival \$300. Michele/Chris. Didn't get \$ last year due to non-reliance clause.

#18: SPL farm farming technologies. Why only this cultural council if target audience includes other schools? \$500.

Revisited:

Philharmonic. No. Far away. Our \$200 won't be missed.

Library Irish Music- reward them remainder of funds. \$285.

SPL dropped from \$500 to \$400 to give library \$385 instead of \$285.

Firehouse dropped to \$350 & BCAC upped to \$250 to keep percentages of partially funded projects similar. Plus it is in Newbury not Newburyport.

Joanne moved to reward the grants as discussed, Michele seconded, Approved unanimously. (Heidi was recused from #8)

Joanne moved that the committee will resolve that only two officers need to sign requests for reimbursements, or an alternate from the committee. Michele and Keith volunteered to be alternates. Heidi seconded. Approved unanimously.

Election of officers: Chris volunteered to remain as Chair. Joanne volunteered to remain as Treasurer. Heidi suggested Pam take over as Secretary since she took minutes in Heidi's absence. Pam agreed. Michele made the motion to appoint officers as discussed, Heidi seconded. Approved unanimously.

Michele motioned to approve the minutes of the 2010 meeting, Keith seconded.
Approved unanimously.

Michele asked doing a about community input survey. Chris said that he conducted one online, which was advertised in the newspaper, but that there was minimal participation, and was not very helpful. Ideas for letting the community know the council exists and soliciting feedback and new members were discussed and included: Handing out brochures at town elections and/or town meeting, sending them to residents with their tax bills or other townwide mailing. Michele noted that it is important to include that the NCC is not funded by local property taxes. It would also be an opportunity to highlight programs that have been funded by the NCC and get recognition of that fact for the council. Chris offered to draft a trifold brochure that had a tear-off feedback form. Heidi wondered how we would pay for the printing. Chris said it wouldn't be much and that he could cover any costs.

Joanne moved that the group wants to remove from the council roster the two individuals (Ann Walsh and Wenda Shelter) who have not participated in any way for two years. They have not signed in at town hall, responded to multiple emails, or attended a meeting. Their non participation requires their removal from the council. Keith seconded, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:40 pm.