

Newbury Cultural Council
November 20, 2014

Present: Pam Jacobson, Joanne Johnson, Kathy Muse, Zachary Roy, Jeanne Cannell,
Michael, Elizabeth Duff

Absent: Amy Swiniarski

Called to order: 7:07 pm

- Introductions
- Review of 2014 approved applications and status of reimbursement
 - #2 BCAC curtain repair – new vendor did job for \$505 – our share is \$210, not the \$500 requested.
 - #18 Merrimack Valley concert band – did not happen \$375
 - #20B Cantemus – commissioned work (held over from 2013) – was never finished. Funds released
- Approval of Minutes of 11/9/13: Motion by Kathy, Second by Joanne, passed unanimously
- Review of Voting Meeting Calculation Sheet
 - How much to set aside for administrative costs? \$178 set aside
 - We need to do a community survey this year.
- Grants:
 1. Byfield Community Arts Center – Byfield Cruise Night – Music, hobbyists, auto enthusiasts are cultural. This group didn't spend last year's funds. Approved in full \$300.
 2. Denis Cormier – Hands on History: the American Revolution – NES: We like it. Sounds fun, educational, cool. Approved in full \$250
 3. Delvena Theater Company – Jack the Ripper – COA: what an interesting topic! Seniors will like it. Approved in full \$475
 4. Richard Luecke – Tales & Ales – Sweet-Isley Tavern, Newbury: They do four performances. Tickets are \$50-\$60 for guests. It is a fundraiser for Historic New England. (Not historic Newbury). Denied.
 5. Stephen Lewis – Diversity, an International poster display – NTL: His personal collection of propaganda posters is curated into themes such as worker's rights, civil rights, GLBT, etc. It is an unusual art form that people wouldn't necessarily know about. Approved in full \$125
 6. Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra – 54th season: Historically turned down – mostly in Haverhill and not really our area. They perform at Merrimack College. They apply to a ton of local cultural councils. Denied.
 7. Newbury COA – Winter concert tickets – Newburyport Choral Society: (to replace the trip to the rehearsals that they do not do any more.) *Joanne recuses herself from this discussion*. Concert is at Belleville. Funds go to bus, bus driver, and tickets (\$15 apiece). Only benefits 15 people.

(That's how many fit on the bus). Many seniors don't drive at night. Holiday theme is nice; it's nice that they are staying local. Approved in full \$300.

8. Newbury Elementary School – BARYNYA (Russian dance & music): 525 served – all elementary students. It is interactive – there will be Q and A and kids get a chance to participate. Approved in full \$650 (Contract is actually \$950, but they only found out after application deadline.)
9. Newburyport Chamber Music Festival – 2015 Summer Festival: Looked at program. 10 events all around town – 6 of them are free. It's a lot of music. Approved in full \$300.
10. Newburyport Choral Society – Winter concert Peace on Earth – w/ Molin School children's chorus – *Joanne recuses herself from this discussion* Approved in full \$300
11. Newburyport Literacy Assn., Inc. – Literary Festival: Very well attended & well publicized. Approved in full \$300
12. On Stage Inc. – (Theater in the open) – Spring 2015 Panto Production: Benefits kids. Great Program. Approved in full \$300
13. Open Air Sculpture Group – Outdoor Sculpture Maudsley 2015: Very democratic. Open to lots of artists. Families contribute artwork that they have made together. Diverse styles of art. Approved in full \$300
14. Town of Salisbury – Salisbury Art Stroll: Artists and crafters. Who gets the stipends? Denied.
15. Triton High School – Matthew Clarke – Take my keys: A worthy concept, but not really our mandate, doesn't fit our mission (though it is public speaking and includes videos) – Where does stipend go to? The person doing community service? Denied.
16. TMPO – Winter percussion competition/ show: Rowley & Salisbury were not asked for any funding for this project. They were each hit up for scholarships instead, which we did not support last year. Competition is among other invited schools. Only request from Triton. Partially funded at \$700.
17. Workshop Art Inc. – Theater workshop intern program – Gr. 7-12: Kids pay to attend drama school. Each kid gets a speaking role. There have been problems administratively with rental of Newbury Elementary School. Where does the money go? Interns do not pay to participate. They attend classes. It is a salary/stipend to the consultant. Partially funded at \$400
18. Newbury Town Library – Romon Music Therapy (2 programs) Sprouting Melodies (\$550 for 5 sessions) / Teens Rock (\$810 for 6 sessions) : Very expensive – hard to get teens to commit to after school programs. Elizabeth spoke of the theories behind the benefits of this type of music therapy to affect the body. Would not service that many individuals and families. There is so

much music instruction available for teens at Triton. Teens rock portion denied. Children's program partially funded at \$400.

Kathy moves to award the grants as described. Elizabeth seconds. Passed unanimously.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Michael Updike

Treasurer: Joanne Johnson

Secretary: Pam Jacobson

Motion on slate by Pam; Elizabeth seconds ; passed unanimously

Subcommittee of members who are the authorized signers for the payables need to be formed. Kathy, Zachary, Elizabeth and Joanne will serve. 2 of the 4 will need to sign each payable. Joanne will email the group as reimbursements come in.

Motion by Elizabeth, second by Michael, passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 by Michael. Pam seconds. Approved unanimously.