

# Seekonk Cultural Council Annual Meeting Notes

Thursday, November 30, 2017

Where: Seekonk Town Hall 100 Peck Street, Seekonk MA 02771

When: 11/30/2017 at 6-8 PM

Attendance: Cultural Council Board

Alex Dunwoodie Chair

Deborah Baldizar

Bill Clark

Christine DeCesare

Stuart Montgomery

Tim Tolman

Wendy Wagner

Bill Clark begins the meeting greeting the board members to the annual grant allocation meeting. Alex Dunwoodie, the board chair, takes the floor and asks for a co-chair volunteer going forward to help shoulder the workload and also asks for a volunteer to fill the role public relations that Stuart Montgomery has held for the past year and is stepping down. The board took both requests under advisement with no member volunteering at that time.

The meeting then turned back to the group who then began the task of awarding the existing grant money of \$5602.00 to a pool of twenty-five applicants.

The criteria for awarding the grants were simple, they include the quality of the application with letters of recommendation, websites for review and resume. Additionally, the Council is mandated to look for winners who perform at the following venues. The two Seekonk elementary schools, Aitken and Martin. The middle school, Hurley. And the Seekonk High School. As well as The Senior Center, The Seekonk Library and The Meadows, the park adjacent the Seekonk Library.

Within the twenty-five applicants, only the Kevin Hurley Middle School was left out as there were no artist/performers who applied to present there.

Other criteria for awards were to give artist/performers from Seekonk the benefit of the doubt since The Council wishes to reward our close community while continuing to find creative and professional recipients from all around the region.

All twenty-five applicants were residents of Massachusetts.

The Council was faced with a modest endowment to award so that quickly eliminated applicant requests of over \$1000 because the Council decided that it would be too limiting to fulfill the objective.

The following applicants were awarded grants:

1. The Majesty and Mystery of Crop Circles \$500  
Senior Center board member advisor Stuart Montgomery
2. Richard Sobol: The Traveling Photographer \$800  
Aitken School board advisor Deborah Baldizar
3. Easy Walks in the 10 Mile River Watershed \$200  
For seniors and mobility challenged board advisor Wendy Wagner
4. Monet's Magic: Pastel Paint Monet's Wondrous Water Lilies \$495  
All ages at the Library board advisor Bill Clark
5. Mindcraft Madness \$655  
Seekonk Library board advisor Christine DeCesare
6. Banjos \$300  
Meadows board advisor Stuart Montgomery
7. Gareth Hinds Illustrator \$350  
Seekonk High School board advisor Alex Dunwoodie
8. Dyeing to Wear It \$525  
Seekonk Library board advisor Tim Tolman
9. Mindfulness Yoga \$490  
Martin Elementary board advisor Deborah Baldizar
10. HighArt SHAPE \$200  
Seekonk High School at Attleboro Art Museum board advisor Alex Dunwoodie
11. Jumpin Juba \$300  
Senior Center board advisor Stuart Montgomery
12. Learn Ukulele \$400  
Seekonk Library board advisor Christine DeCesare
13. Celebrating Women in Song \$100  
Seekonk Library board advisor Tim Tolman

14. Nudging Imagination \$350

Aitken Elementary board advisor Wendy Wagner

Total grants given: \$5465.00 leaving a small balance to cover photo copying and mailing throughout the year.

8 PM Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded and reported by board member Tim Tolman.