

MINUTES OF THE WELLFLEET CULTURAL COUNCIL
June 13, 2011
WELLFLEET PUBLIC LIBRARY, 6:30pm

Present: Tom Cole, Martha Carroll (Corresponding Secretary), Gigi Ledkovsky, Ennie McDonald, Janet Morrissey (Recording Secretary), Polli-Jo Moryl (Treasurer), Kim Shkapich (Chair), Elisabeth Smith

Absent: Heather Draz, Katie Hickey, Janet Lesniak (Publicist)

Guest: Susan Weegar

In the absence of the chair, acting chair Janet Morrissey called the meeting to order at 6:35pm; Ms. Shkapich and Ms. Ledkovsky joined the meeting at 6:50PM, at which time Ms. Shkapich took over as chair.

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2011 meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer Report

Ms. Moryl reported that as of 5.31.11, the Council's account balance was \$6,908.84.

Recording Secretary Report

Ms. Morrissey reported the receipt of reimbursement requests from John Root and Cape Cod Museum of Art, and a 5.31.11 account balance report from the Town Accountant.

Liaison/Attendee Report

Ms. Carroll and Ms. Moryl attended John Root's Songbirds of the Northeast program at the COA and reported on some audience comments.

Legislative Listening Tour Report

Earlier in the day, Ms. Shkapich represented the Council at a Legislative Listening Tour, hosted in Provincetown by Representative Sarah Peake, Senator Eileen Donoghue and the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development. Ms. Shkapich outlined the work of the Council and described the effect state funding cuts have on WCC's mission. She also distributed a handout detailing WCC's grant-making history.

OLD BUSINESS

Harborfest

Ms. Shkapich reported the receipt of \$18 in cash donations, which she turned over to Ms. Moryl for deposit in the Council's account. She also reported that due to inclement weather, Sentimental Journey did not perform at the event. Ms. Shkapich and Ms. Carroll spoke with several people at the event who expressed interest in bringing cultural programs to Wellfleet.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Council members agreed to postpone elections until the next meeting.

Reappointments/Resignations

Ms. Carroll's appointment will expire on June 30, 2011, and she will seek reappointment to the Council. From the floor, Ms. Weegar announced that she would seek reappointment to the Council. Ms. Morrissey announced that due to other commitments, she would be resigning from the Council after new officers are elected. Ms. Shkapich asked Council members to reach out to potential new members, and when they do, to explain WCC's mission and be clear about time obligations and expectations.

Year-End Review and Future Goals

A discussion ensued on the past year's events and accomplishments, future goals, and whether the Council might want to tighten its focus for next year. Ms. McDonald suggested the Council limit its focus to new membership, grant making, institutionalizing town funding and maintaining a relationship with the town, an early September grant writing workshop, a spring grantee honoring reception, and perhaps a fundraiser. Ms. Ledkovsky suggested the Council prepare a planning calendar, and that meetings focus on tasks to accomplish the plan. Ms. Smith suggested institutionalizing the process with a handout.

Ms. Ledkovsky made a motion that the Council adopt an event calendar, and that the Council's immediate goals be planning for an early September grant writing workshop and working with the town administrator's office to make Council funding a line item on future town budgets. Ms. Morrissey seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

For the next meeting, Ms. Carroll and Ms. Shkapich will develop an action plan for institutionalizing the Council's budget, and Ms. Ledkovsky and Ms. McDonald will develop a task list for the September grant writing workshop.

Summer Meetings

Ms. Shkapich made a motion that the Council meet in July and August; Ms. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried 8 yes, 0 no. Mr. Cole will explore venues for summer meetings and report back to the Council via e-mail.

Ms. McDonald left the meeting at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Wellfleet Cultural Council will be announced.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morrissey, Recording Secretary