

Monday, November 7, 2022

West Newbury Cultural Council

- Present this evening: Kathy, Linda, Marie, Jill, and Jen
- The meeting of the West Newbury Cultural Council began at 7pm, in the lobby of the West Newbury Town Hall. Kathy motioned for the meeting to begin, and Jen seconded it.
- The first order of business was to approve the minutes from our last meeting. Kathy motioned to approve, and the minutes were approved by all. Meeting started at 7:00 - Kathy motioned I seconded
- We summarized the priorities of the board before voting on allocations for grants.
 - As a board, we agree to prioritize grants that take place, and serve the West Newbury Community before allocating funds to neighboring communities.
- Grant money available for dispersement:
 - \$5,500 was allocated from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for 2023
 - We also have \$275 from administrative
 - The total grant money available for allocation to applicants is \$6,883
 - We also have an additional \$4,599.87 in locally earned funds.
 - Kathy made a motion to reserve those funds. Linda seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- We went over each grant proposal one by one, and the following grants have been approved.
 - Greek Food Festival, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Newburyport, \$500
 - Newburyport Lantern Festival, Greater Newburyport Ovarian Cancer Awareness, \$600
 - Ten Footer Shoe Shops - History and Living Traditions, Sarah M. Guerin, \$500
 - Sun eaters, pollen seekers' Public Art Pollinator Project, Jenn Houle, \$600

- Nature in your neighborhood - All about birds, Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, \$295
 - 2023 Concert Series, Merrimack Valley Concert Band, \$750
 - Newburyport Chamber Music Festival, Newburyport Chamber Music Festival, Inc., \$300
 - Newburyport Documentary Film Festival, Newburyport Film Festival Inc., \$500
 - Family Puppetry Performances, OnStage, Inc., \$500
 - Outdoor Sculpture at Maudslay 2023, Open Air Sculpture Group, \$500
 - Fairy Tale Hayride, Pentucket Fine & Performing Arts Foundation, \$335
 - The Newburyport Literary Festival, The Newburyport Literary Festival, \$300
 - Guided Meditation, Reiki and Aromatherapy, West Newbury Council on Aging, \$600
 - Don Campbell Band Salutes Veterans, Maudslay Arts Center Inc., \$620
 - Linda excused herself and left the room from the vote on the Don Campbell Band, due to a conflict of interest. As such, we had 4 yes votes to approve, but need 5 for a quorum. We will need to reconvene via zoom with an additional member to fully approve this grant.
 - All other grant proposal were denied unanimously.
- Next Steps
- Plan zoom meeting with Jessica in order to fully approve the Don Campbell Band grant.
 - Get in touch with Jim (Town clerk) regarding the removal of inactive members (Carly, Joselyn)
- Went over funding, all in favor
- \$6900 total funding
- Linda and Kathy appointments are up in June
- Will have to pass on the roles in June, 2023.
 - Talked about moving forward, next steps

- Vote to adjourn meeting. 8:25 Kathy seconded