



WEST NEWBURY CULTURAL COUNCIL

October 12, 2020

Minutes

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM via Zoom

Present: Alyson Tedeschi, Cathy DeWitt, Amy Friend, Jocelyne Cosentino, Sue Dougherty, Linda Young, Margo Pullman

Not Present: Dot Cavanaugh

Establishing Council Members and Terms

We established the list of members (as shown above in the attendance.) Heather Karp will join some meetings but her terms are up and she needs to take a year off. Linda is still a voting member and has renewed her term through the town but the MCC does not have her listed. Cathy is following up. Jocelyne is still a voting member through June 2022. Sue and Margo's terms expire in November 2021.

We voted unanimously to name Alyson committee chair.

Salisbury Art Stroll

The Salisbury Art Stroll event was cancelled due to Covid19. The Council was asked to consider allowing the funds to be used for an event this fall called Salisbury Days. The Council voted unanimously to allow this transfer.

Imagine Your Story

The Imagine Your Story event to be held at the library was cancelled due to Covid 19. The Council was asked to extend the funds until July 2021. The Council voted unanimously to grant this extension.

Pentucket Arts Foundation

The Pentucket Arts Foundation asked that they be allowed to use their funds for the 17th Annual Acapella night even though they need to hold their program virtually due to Covid 19. The Council voted unanimously to allow the funds to be used for the virtual event.

2020 Outstanding Grants

Merrimac Valley Concert Band: Alyson will follow up and ask if they want to apply to extend their funding to next year since their events were cancelled due to Covid 19.

Dyer Maker Studio Event: Alyson spoke with library staff about this event and they would like to postpone until summer 2021. The Council voted unanimously to allow this.

Art in the Garden

The WNCC Art in the Garden event, planned with the West Newbury Garden Club, was cancelled due to Covid 19. Margo is going to follow up with the Garden Club but believes that their hope is to hold the event in 2021. The Council voted unanimously to extend the fund until next summer.

New Members

With several terms expiring soon and a couple of Council members stepping down, we need to recruit new members. It was suggested that we reach out to friends. Amy said that it would be helpful to have a musician on the Council. Alyson will reach out to one she knows. Jocelyne suggested the Pentucket Arts Foundation newsletter. The Merrimac Valley Concert Band was also

mentioned. Alyson will send both content for their newsletters. She is also going to put together a flyer about the Council and asks that members forward pictures to her of Council sponsored events.

Next Meeting

The grant process closes on November 15 and the Council will meet shortly thereafter on a date tbd.

Other Business

Cathy said that we do not know how much money we will be given for 2021 yet. She worked with the town staff on the report and we have a little money left over in the Council account. She will provide more details later.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Friend