

GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, November 17, 2022

1. Call to order - Patrick called the meeting to order at 6:03pm with a roll call vote: Patrick Barrett aye, Stacy Ostrow, aye, Ellen Shanahan aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye.
Absent: Elissa Haskins-Vaughan

2. Approve minutes from last meetings (discussion/vote)
Stacy made a motion to approve the November 3, 2022 minutes, Allison seconded. Patrick asked if any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. Stacy and Ellen did not attend the November 3 meeting and abstained. Motion passed: 3-0.

3. Old Business

a. FY22 Grant status

Patrick reported two more packets were sent to Town Hall. He added he has not submitted the MCC annual report as he is awaiting information from the Town Accountant.

b. Fundraising FY23

Patrick reported Guidos denied our request for the round-up program. He also stated he believes we are not a fit for BigY's program, but Elissa can provide additional information. Sherry stated she had sent emails to the Town cannabis stores with a request highlighting Giving Tuesday.

c. Grant review

Allison suggested reviewing requests from individuals separately from midsize/larger organizations due to differences in scale/budget so we are comparing like projects. The Committee agreed to this approach and proceeded to discuss the following applications from Individuals/small groups:

- Steve Butler, The Garage – Tentative denial
- Liesl Carlson, Unwanted- Tentative denial, but more information may be needed
- Diane Firtell - Farm Art Collage – Tentative approval
- Sean Fullerton, Acoustic Memories – Tentative approval
- Hilltown Families – Tentative denial
- Bernice Lewis, History Alive – Tentative approval
- Marilyn Morales, Always Rember – Tentative denial, pending Elissa's input
- John Porcino, To Life – Tentative denial, pending Elissa's input
- Rianne Richards - Community Concert – Tentative denial, pending Elissa's input
- Camille Roos, Come Dance With Me – Tentative approval
- Susan Smith, Fantastical Felt – Tentative approval, pending Elissa's input
- The Artist Book Foundation – Tentative denial, pending Elissa's input
- Natalie Tyler, Fire & Ice – Tentative approval
- Nanette Wells, Seasonal Crafting - Tentative approval

The Committee agreed to continue the discussion/review process at the next meeting.

4. New Business – There was no new business

5. Citizen's Speak – No citizens asked to speak

6. Set next meeting date – The next meeting is scheduled for November 21 at 6:00pm.

7. Adjourn Meeting – Ellen made a motion to adjourn; Allison seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Stacy, aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Secretary