

GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL  
Thursday, January 5, 2023

1. Call to order – Patrick called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Elissa Haskins-Vaughan made a motion to open the meeting; Sherry Steiner seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick Barrett aye, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan aye, Stacy Ostrow, aye, Ellen Shanahan aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye.

2. Approve minutes from last meetings (discussion/vote)

Ellen made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022 minutes; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked if any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Ellen made a motion to approve the December 8, 2022 minutes; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked if any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

3. New Business

- a. Open meeting law form – Patrick reminded Council members to complete the form by the deadline.

4. Old Business

a. Grant review

- i. The GBCC considered the funds currently available for allocation – totaling \$5800. It was noted that if funds we allocated equally across all approved grantees it would be \$250 each based on the budget. The GBCC agreed to approve the full amount of all grant requests of \$250 or less.
- ii. The GBCC agreed to proceed based on a \$5,800 budget prioritizing those applications where GBCC funding could have the biggest impact for the grantee and the community. The GBCC noted all the approved projects were very high value and funding was assigned to each grantee upon significant discussion and adjusted/recalculated to align with budget.

Elissa made a motion to approve the allocation (below) and as noted in the MCC spreadsheet; Ellen seconded. Patrick asked if any discussion – Ellen recused on Berkshire Music School and Elissa recused on Berkshire South Regional Community Center. Roll call vote: Patrick asked if any additional discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0 on all grants except Berkshire Music School and Berkshire South Regional Community Center: Roll call vote 5-0.

Berkshire Music School, Inc.	DRUM TO THE BEAT: A musical enrichment program	\$250
Berkshire Pulse, Inc.	The Art of Boxing	\$250
Berkshire South Regional Community Center	Berkshire Ukulele Band and Berkshire Sings!	\$250
Dewey Memorial Hall	Young at Heart	\$200
Dewey Memorial Hall	Jazz Jam Session	\$250
Festival Latino of the Berkshires		\$300
Diane Firtell	Farm Art 2 & 3D Collage	\$250
Flying Cloud Institute	MakerSpaces: Making the Future Brighter!	\$250
Sean Fullerton	Acoustic Memories	\$250
Great Barrington Libraries	Call of the Wild: Youth Outdoor Skills	\$250
Great Barrington Public Theater	Berkshire Voices Reading Series	\$250

Greenagers	Greenagers' Education and Stewardship	\$300
IS183	Professional Development for BHRSD Educators	\$250
Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival	On The Road - Great Barrington	\$200
Bernice E. Lewis	History Alive	\$200
Native Plant Trust	Plant Communities of Massachusetts	\$300
Camille Roos	Come Dance With Me	\$200
Susan L. Smith	Fantastical Felt Paintings	\$300
TapRoot Sessions	TapRoot Sessions Dances, Workshops, and Concerts	\$250
The Stockbridge Sinfonia	Intergenerational Community Orchestra	\$250
Natalie Tyler	Fire & Ice Exhibition	\$250
Vocalis Youth Choir	Vocalis Scholarship Fund	\$250
Nanette Wells	Seasonal Theme Assorted Crafting	\$300

iii. Patrick stated he would submit the approved grantees/allocations to MCC and confirm they will send out the letters with grant amounts. The GBCC agreed if to help generate the letters if necessary

b. Added item – New GBCC member – Patrick stated he would reach out to her to confirm her interest and, if so, would then contact Mark Pruhenski to get her on a Selectboard agenda.

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

6. Set next meeting date – The GBCC agreed to schedule a meeting for January 12 at 6pm in case there were matters re: grants to discuss. Otherwise, the meeting would be cancelled.

7. Adjourn Meeting - Ellen made a motion to adjourn; Sherry seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Secretary