

## GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, October 26, 2023

1. Call to order - Sherry called the meeting to order at 6:12pm with a roll call vote: Patrick Barrett aye, Ellen Shanahan aye, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye. All in favor 5-0.
2. Approve minutes from last meetings (discussion/vote) – Not everyone had a chance to review them. They are posted online and will be voted on at the next meeting.
3. Old Business: Patrick mentioned that all grantees must get paid within a year from the award date; almost all have been paid with the exception of four or five grantees who just sent the paperwork to receive payment, one grantee who was not approved to change their program, and one grantee who decided not to proceed; as a result of these two changes, the Council has \$500 extra in its account.
4. New Business:
  - a. Patrick mentioned that he spoke to Carolyn Cole because we have a discrepancy of approximately \$900 between our account and the State's records; we have some grantees that we have no record of receiving paperwork for. This is likely because of a new system.
  - b. Discussion that Sherry will remain Chair and Leora will serve as Vice Chair. No need for Sherry to be revoted on or approved. The Council is still in need of a Treasurer.
  - c. Leora potentially has two people interested in joining the Council.
  - d. Panel books for next grant cycle are available on the Mass Cultural Council SmartSimple site or the google drive. Discussed process for reviewing them and that it may not make sense to use the scoring sheet relied on in the past if we're considering making fewer, larger grants. Agreed that everyone will read the first 17 grant applications for the next meeting and we'll revisit the process going forward.
5. Citizen's Speak a. No attendees
6. Set next meeting date – Next meeting scheduled for November 13 at 6:00 pm. Save the date for meetings on November 20, November 27 and December 4 all at 6 pm as we need to review all grant applications before the end of the year.
7. Adjourn - Allison made a motion to adjourn; Elissa seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye, Elissa aye. All in favor: 5-0. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Zivin, Recording Secretary