

Great Barrington Cultural Council

Meeting: Mason Library, July 25, 5:00 pm

Members Present: Tate Coleman, Co-Chair; Natasha Perlis; Rees Shad; Nan Coleman; Patrick Barrett (5:10pm)

Meeting called to order at 5:08pm. Approval of minutes postponed because Patrick was on a telephone call outside, so we did not have a quorum.

I. Welcome New Members:

New members Natasha Perlis, Rees Shad and Nan Coleman were welcomed. Each shared a little background about themselves.

II. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting:

Patrick came back at 5:10pm, so we then proceeded to approve the minutes with a few spelling adjustments. Tate made the motion, and Patrick seconded. Unanimous.

III. Re-Organization of Council:

New members asked for a list of responsibilities for each position. I have attached the list below.

Chair: Ellen Shanahan (not present; current position)

Vice Chair: Tate Coleman (Nominated by Patrick, seconded by Rees; unanimous)

It was decided that Tate would move to Vice Chair from Co-Chair due to his increased course load at school this Fall.

Secretary: Nan Coleman (Nominated by Tate, seconded by Patrick; unanimous)

Secretary Alternate: Rees Shad (Nominated by Tate, seconded by Patrick; unanimous)

Public Relations Officer: Rees Shad (Nominated by Tate, seconded by Patrick; unanimous)

Treasurer: Natasha Perlis (Nominated by Tate, seconded by Patrick; unanimous)

Representative to the Cultural District Steering Committee: Patrick Barrett (Nominated by Tate, seconded by Rees; unanimous)

Other members not present will receive appointments at the next meeting.

IV. GBCC Community Input Survey Update:

Tate walked members through the survey. Multiple revisions have been made since last meeting. Additional minor revisions were made (Elimination of Question 7, and a few wording changes). Patrick pointed out that we are not limited to gathering input through surveys. Nan asked that Tate send the list of last cycle's grants to the committee members. Seth asked about funding priorities. Nan asked about who funds the open studios; Patrick said that these are hosted from the artists themselves. Patrick commented we need a press release for this survey. Tate suggested we might want to use a part of our \$230 from the FY 20 spending reserved for administrative purposes for printing and a Facebook ad.

V. New Grant allocation process:

Tate reminded members that the Great Barrington Cultural Council is planning to pilot the MCC's new grant allocation process (shifting from the tradition reimbursement-based grants to up-front granting). All were supportive.

VI. **Choose next meeting's secretary:**

N/A; new secretary has already been chosen.

VII. **Other Old or New Business:**

Patrick asked about our meeting scheduling. He stated 5pm does not work great for him. He suggested we should decide on a specific date/time at our next meeting, going forward until the end of the next fiscal year. Tate replied, remarking that the Doodle Polls have been working quite well in terms of securing a quorum. Tate said that oftentimes we were not aware of the lack of a quorum ahead of time when our meeting time was Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Patrick suggested that we should have a "suggested" date in the Doodle Poll, but be open to other days if they work better for the majority. Natasha asked if it is OK for members to attend via telephone? Tate replied that yes, it is permissible, although encouraged that members to attend in person.

VIII. **Citizen's Speak:**

Seth said, "thank you for having me!"

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.

Submitted by Tate Coleman, Vice Chair

Electronically Signed by Tate Coleman, Vice Chair.