

APPROVED MINUTES

Great Barrington Cultural Council

Meeting at Mason Library

231 Main Street

Great Barrington, MA

Monday, December 11th, 2017 5:00pm

Present

Michael Andelman (MA), Scott Pezza (ScP), Sherry Steiner (SS), Rose Tennenbaum (RT)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Minutes of November 20th, 2017 [APPROVED 4-0]
3. New Business
 - a. Consider extension request for Ann-Elizabeth Barnes [APPROVED 4-0]
4. Old Business
 - a. Continue review and discussion of 2018 Grant Applications
 - b. Vote on 2018 applications [ALL VOTES PASSED 4-0]
 - i. Total Amount Requested (All Applicants): \$33,790.00
 - ii. Total Funds Available to Give: \$3,658.00
 - iii. Total Funds Allocated to Preliminarily Approved Applications: \$3,634.00

Preliminarily Approved Applications

Applicant	Project	Amount
BCHS Muddy Brook	Fun on the Farms	\$120
Berkshire Hills Regional School District	W.E.B. Du Bois Educational Series	\$270
Berkshire Music School	Painted Piano Project	\$290
Berkshire Playwrights Lab	Berkshire Voices	\$170
Berkshire Pulse	Intro to Dance In-School Program	\$154
Berkshire South Regional Community Center	Berkshire Ukelele Band & Berkshire Sings!	\$145
Berkshire Theatre Group	BTG PLAYS! At Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School	\$220
Flying Cloud Institute	Building Mountains	\$145
Great Barrington Libraries	Wingmasters	\$120
Housatonic Valley Association	The Housatonic River – Then and Now	\$155
IS183 School of the Berkshires	IS183's Learning Through Arts Residency at Muddy Brook RES	\$120
Leaf Peeper Concerts	Leaf Peeper Concert	\$145
MMRHS Band	Jazz Education: Student-Professional Workshop and	\$300
Music in Common	MIC JAMMS	\$150
Nutshell Playhouse	Nutshell Playhouse at the Pulse	\$100
Polly Mann Salenovich	American Music Series	\$120
Railroad Street Youth Project	W.E.B. Du Bois Mural Project	\$320
SculptureNow	SculptureNow and Berkshire Students	\$170

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Thomas Kelly	Project Connection	\$300
Tom J. Truss III	10,000 Bowls of Midnight	\$120

Rejected Applications

Applicant	Project	Reason
Aston Magna Foundation for Music and the Humanities	Aston Magna Music Festival	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Berkshire Botanical Garden	Responsible Backyard Beekeeping	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Berkshire Children's Chorus	Scholarship Program	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Berkshires Jazz, Inc.	Berkshire Jazz Showcase	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Bidwell House Museum	High School Student Internships	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Chester Theatre Company	Chester Theatre Company 2018 Season	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Dewey Hall	Dewey Hall Presents	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Hilltown Families	Valentine's Days Swap	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
John Root	Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and Other Beneficials	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Mass Audubon Berkshire Sanctuaries	Mass Audubon Community Outreach Programs	Failed to meet GBCC requirement: Lack of supporting letter from venue with confirmed event date.
MMRHS	Fall Festival of Shakespeare	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Music in Common	RAISE the MIC	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
New Marlborough Meeting House Gallery	New Marlborough Meeting House Gallery Publicity	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park	Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park 2018 Production	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
RESS Foundation	In the Eyes of Another	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Shakespeare & Company	2018 Fall Festival of Shakespeare	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Stephanie Bergman	Blue Rider Circus	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Stockbridge Sinfonia	Free Community Concerts	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
Turn Park Art Space	The Berkshire Quilt	Did not provide enough benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received.
WAM Theatre	WAM Theatre Season of Events – Year 9	Failed to meet GBCC requirement: Lack of supporting letter from venue with confirmed event date.

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- c. Prepare rejection letters
 - i. Letters completed and signed during meeting.
 - ii. To be mailed 12/13.
 - d. If any rejected applicant appeals, another meeting will be required to vote again. If no appeals are submitted, no additional vote will be required and the preliminary approvals will be final.
5. Citizen Speak Time
- a. No citizens were present.
6. Adjournment

 4/2/18