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CULTURAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 5th, 2018

5:30pm

Mason Library

231 Main Street

Great Barrington, MA 01230

- Call to order 5:34pm
- Present; Patrick, Tate, Susan, Ellen, Catherine
- Susan motioned to approve the minutes- Patrick has corrections and handed them to Catherine. Council reviews corrections. All approved. Susan motions, Patrick seconds. All in favor. Catherine will bring revised minutes to the next meeting to approve.
- Patrick was charged at last meeting to make sure we have print outs of all grants. He found that we did not have print outs of all applications but we have discussed some grants that have not been printed out. He has provided print outs of grants that we have not discussed.
- Lauren arrives at 5:43
- Council begins reviewing grants that have not yet been reviewed:
  - RESS foundation- already voted no on. Applied to every LCC in state and not cultural.
  - Flying cloud Institute. No LOS. At Muddybrook. But application states that Muddybrook principal and staff support the endeavors. Susan describes grant application. Lauren states that Flying Cloud is a wonderful organization and is surprised that there is no LOS, although we have previously supported. Patrick explains why it may have been confusing for organizations to upload Letter of Support (LOS). Catherine motioned to move to yes pile despite lack of LOS. Patrick says we should continue to only go through applications with letters before moving to applications with no letters.
  - Bernice Lewis- no letter, moved to maybe pile.
  - Berkshire Theater Group. Muddybrook regional students present original plays. Has supplemental materials are an email conversation with teachers. 9 week program. Susan describes grant. Lauren says that with big and established organizations it is not so much of a concern. Catherine says that the emails should count as a LOS. Patrick and Lauren agree. Will be the 1st application we review from maybes.
  - Greenagers. Lauren says they plant things. Good organization. Also applied to New Marlboro, Alford and various other councils. No LOS. Moves to maybe.

- Move back to Berkshire Theater Group. Susan expresses support. Lauren: Mary Pope Osborn is local. No cost to students or families. Asking for \$750. Lauren says they are one of the groups that does good work but already has resources. She likes to keep that in mind. Susan moves to approve. Lauren Seconds. Tate's question about funding the whole thing. All in favor except for Lauren.
- Patrick pulls out the numbering system to rank each grant to order discussion. Lauren asks what the ranking system is- Patrick explains our priorities.
- Susan delegates conversation to Patrick to explain the Maybe applications, which are mostly no LOS applicants so that we can move them into yes and no pile. Patrick asks whether we want to discuss lowest to highest or highest to lowest. Lauren says lowest to highest so that we can eliminate apps. Lauren IS183- professional development for teachers for visual arts. Estimated people served 10. Does not serve children. Lauren motions that we vote no. Susan seconds. Ellen says they also left several sections blank. All in favor of rejecting.
- Greenagers revisit. Number of youth served is 70. They don't specify target audience. Not sure that it is cultural, even though Lauren likes the program. Susan says it seems more outdoorsy. Only asking for \$350. Also applying to 6 cultural councils. Susan says they should be getting money from conservation councils. Lauren moves to move to no pile. Tate seconds. Susan says not our thing. All in favor.
- Hilltown Families. Susan moves that it is no. Lauren seconds. Not local. All in favor.
- Leaf Peeper Concerts. Susan asks if they offer low priced tickets. Lauren says they hope to offer free access to 10 students. Tate asks how much they are asking for- \$200. Susan wonders how they are planning on soliciting students. They are interested in developing a young audiences. St James Place in September. Catherine says that she would be comfortable They are very specific that it is for the free student tickets. Lauren motions that we vote no. Susan seconds. Discussion. Tate abstains. Catherine votes yes. Ellen and Patrick vote no.
- Music in common. Ellen recuses herself. Total number of youth served 200. Youth performing songs written by youth around the world. Berkshire county high school students are target audience. No cost to student musicians who participate. for northern, central and southern Berkshire. Asking for \$750. 30 K program. Projected income: have funding from individuals and businesses. Lauren moves that we fund them. Patrick seconds. All in favor. Ellen recused.
- Stockbridge Symphonia Inc. August at St James. 500 people served. Not primarily serving school children. Collaboration of players from Berkshire county. performances are free. For armatures, students, retired professionals. Catherine notes that bringing age groups together builds community. Asking for 1K. Have in kind donations from local businesses. Going to other LCCs. Lauren moves to vote yes. Ellen seconds. No letter but sent their list of musicians and organizations that support them
- Beth Carlson- Oldtone. Not free. Estimated people 1000. Oldtone not located in MA. Lauren motions to vote no. Ellen seconds. Susan says that main thing is their proximity. Tate points out that 1000 people can't fit in Dewy Hall. No letter. All in favor to vote no. No pile.
- Chesterwood- one day event 50th anniversary celebration free to public. Concern is that it is a party at a cultural venue. Waving admission fee so that those who could otherwise not attend Chesterwood could attend. Dances by Isadora Duncan. Asking us for \$250. They have other sources of funding. Lauren questions advertising and whether we would be funding. Tate says even if we're paying for advertising that would be imperative for this event. Lauren motions not to fund. Susan seconds. Vote not to fund: Susan and Lauren. Vote to fund: Tate, Patrick, Ellen and Catherine. Voted down a motion not to fund. Moves to yes pile.

- WAM- presenting 2 main stage productions in Berkshire County and educational outreach. Says it serves everyone across Berkshire county but they don't specify where. Subsidized tickets and free workshops. Projected expenses are 250K. Catherine says that that our grant would have no effect on their project as they're only asking for \$250. Lauren moves that we vote. Tate's seconds. Unanimously opposed.
- Bard College at Simons Rock- Tate recuses. Daniels Art Party. Estimated people 200. Cost is free for most people. Date of project is 2018... they are asking for reimbursement from last year's project. Do we fund retroactive projects? Catherine says that she thinks projects have to be in 2019 but will check.
- Berkshire South Eukelele project. Letter of Support arrived in the mail. Free of charge.
- Library starts to close.
- Patrick says that we should meet at 5:30pm on the 19<sup>th</sup>, not 6pm as is suggested in the Agenda. Council agrees. Lauren suggests that once the voting period is over we will move the time back to 6pm. Susan and Catherine agree.
- Patrick moves to adjourn the meeting. Catherine seconds. All in Favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm
- Next meeting: 12/19/2019 at 5:30pm at the Mason Library

Signed: Catherine Hancock  
12/28/2018