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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

CULTURAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 19th, 2018
5:30pm
Mason Library
231 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Call to Order at 5:37

Present: Michael, Lauren, Patrick, Ellen, Tate, and Amy.

Catherine running late so Tate filling in as Clerk.

Michael motioned for the approval of the 12/5 minutes. Ellen seconds. All in favor.

Michael asked members to go to town hall to clarify all proper forms are submitted.

Continued review of grant applications in Maybe Pile:

Daniel's Art Party- can we give a retroactive grant?

Michael says the Cultural District has \$5000 to FY19 to distribute from the MCC.

Patrick reviews the Berkshire Ukulele Band application. Lauren voted to approve, Ellen seconded. All in favor.

Ellen suggested that we need to have a community event to complete our annual report this year.

Catherine arrives at 5:55 and takes over minute taking.

Arts and recovery for youth- Lauren: Suicide prevention for youth and collaborates with artists. No cost. Sheffield. No LOS. Asking for 1K and project costs 40K. Also applying to other LLCs. More than half of their funding is covered already.

Michael clarifies that we are now reviewing applications are in the maybe category that got high scores but with no LOS's.

We have \$4440 allocated that we go with our current yes pile at the full amount that we are requesting. \$750 being the highest grant we're giving, a few \$500's and a few smaller. A Balloniverse of Stories is the largest.

Lauren says that we have never given \$700 to a project and we don't usually fully fund projects.

Catherine fills council in on her conversation with the MCC regarding funding retroactive projects. We can if they are within the time frame noted on the website. Discussion about prioritizing retroactive projects. Mixed feelings across the board.

Lauren brings up whether we want to set aside money for fundraising or events. Michael suggests that we are invested as a council to do something culturally as a council, whether it is an event, an ad, etc. The percentage that we're allowed to set aside is 15% Our allocation is \$5,095.

Lauren makes a motion to vote. Ellen seconds. Michael says it's the only application that deal with suicide, and based on the needs of the community he leans towards yes. Even though the focus is not exclusively cultural, it is a merging a social need with art. VOTE: All in favor

Forces of the Heart: Flying Cloud. School children at Muddybrook, movement and artwork. They are asking us for 1K out of \$5600. They have a MCC Stars grant and 1K coming from other LCCs. Patrick moves that we vote. Ellen seconds. Patrick; looking at need, they don't need our help desperately. Lauren agrees, they have an active fundraising presence. Michael: notes that based on their rating, they have a high score. VOTE: Yes: Ellen, Amy No: Tate, Lauren, Michael, Catherine

Bernice Lewis, History Alive: For high school and middle schools. Ongoing program. Asking for \$300 out of \$850. Stipend for personnel. Lauren; doesn't remember funding it before. Not asking other LCC's. Michale moves to vote, Ellen seconds: She will cut her stipend if she does not get funding from us. Catherine feels that the funding she already has is a reasonable for a community engagement artist fee. Tate agreed. to the Michael moves to vote: All opposed.

Walk Unafraid: Community Art and Action: retroactive. Estimated served 9,000 people. Exhibition at Fuel. Requesting \$1100. Lauren moves that we vote. Ellen seconds. Michael says that he was at the event, and he says he doesn't feel good about voting on a retroactive project. Lauren agrees. Michale Moves to vote. All opposed.

Pop up Habitat: Visual art classes at Muddybrook and Berkshire South. Serves 60. How to be more earth friendly in art making and beyond. \$3600 cost. Asking \$500. Will scale back class offerings if they don't get funding from GBCC. Low on our rating system. Lauren moves that we vote. Ellen seconds. Amy: nice to have something environmental. Michael notes that we would be making a difference in this project. Moves to vote: Catherine, Lauren, Patrick, Amy, Ellen No: Tate and Michael.

Berkshire Playwrights Lab: Berkshire Voices. St James Place. Development of new plays. Readings are free for audiences. Asking for \$500. Michael moves to vote, Tate seconds: Michael says events are usually packed and they are active in GB. Catherine notes that they are a big organization and trepidation about giving funds to such a large organization. Lauren points out they are very GB focused. All in favor.

Patrick notes we have 25 minutes left.

Leading a class series "Dance with me". Kinesthetic learning. Asking for \$440 out of \$650. Offered at low or no cost. They want GBCC to pay the stipend. Michael motions to Vote. Ellen seconds: Michael, it brings up retroactive point. Vote: Yes- Catherine No: Everyone else.

Next meeting: 12/26 at 5:30pm

Fall Festival Shakespeare: School Children. Large total cost and are asking us for \$300. Even though they're in Lenox they serve GB. Patrick moves to vote. Amy Seconds. Catherine. Big company. Out of time.

Catherine will email other two members.

Catherine moves to adjourn at 6:58pm Ellen Seconds. All in favor.

Signed: Catherine Hancock
12/28/2018