

Wales Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

Call To Order

- A meeting of the Wales Cultural Council (WCC) was held at the Wales Senior Center on November 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Sue Gregory at 6:47 pm. In attendance for this meeting were WCC members Sue Gregory, David Yutzler, Amy Adams, David Foote, Eleanor Pitcher, and Meghan Matczak and guest Ann Chrabasz.

Minutes

- The minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting were reviewed. David Y. made a motion, seconded by Amy, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously, with David F. abstaining.

Old Business

- Membership update:
 - Cadence Boyce resigned from the Cultural Council as of August 2022. David Foote and Eleanor Pitcher have joined the council.
- 2022 grant updates:
 - The only programs still not paid are the Senior Center trips to Old Sturbridge Village and Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory. These two grants total \$800.
- Treasurer update:
 - David Y. provided an update regarding Cultural Council funds. There is \$6,613 in the Cultural Council account. This amount represents the \$5,500 of Massachusetts Cultural Council grant funding for 2023, funds from programs that were approved but did not run in 2022, and the \$800 still left to be distributed for Senior Center programming (see above). The \$800 will be encumbered, leaving \$5,813 available to grant for 2023.

New Business

- Elections:
 - Meghan made a motion, seconded by Amy, nominating Sue for Chair; the motion passed unanimously.
 - David F. made a motion, seconded by Sue, nominating Amy for Secretary; the motion passed unanimously.
 - Sue made a motion, seconded by Meghan, nominating David Y. for Treasurer; the motion passed unanimously.
- Administrative funds:
 - Sue made a motion, seconded by Amy, to not set aside any administrative funds this year. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2023 Grant Proposal Decisions:
 - David Y. made a motion, seconded by Meghan, to deny the grant requests for Hilltown Families, Marilyn Morales's Always Remember Showcase, Mike Spencer's Hofbrauhaus Bavarians program, Ed Wirth's New England Swing Orchestra concert, and Vic Thomas's Blues Brothers Briefcase performance because they did not include a letter of support with a venue for the program and therefore did not satisfy WCC guidelines and priorities. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Amy made a motion, seconded by David F. to approve the Magic Wings Conservatory visit, Gregory Maichack's Pastel Painting Georgia O'Keeffe's Famous Lily program, Davis Bates's Sea Songs and Stories program, and Sean Fullerton's Acoustic Memories program, all of which will be hosted by the Senior Center. The motion passed unanimously.
 - David Y. made a motion, seconded by Sue, to approve the grant requests for Ken Longstreeth's Bad News Jazz and Blues Orchestra concert and the Wales Historical Commission's multimedia display. The motion passed unanimously.
 - David Y. made a motion, seconded by Sue, to deny the grant request for Senior Center trip to Old Sturbridge Village. The motion passed unanimously.
 - David Y. made a motion, seconded by David F., to award the remaining grant funds to Wales Olde Home Day 2023, reducing their award from the \$4,000 requested to \$2,283. The motion passed unanimously.
- Next Steps:
 - David will follow up with Pam (Selectboard Secretary) to obtain documentation needed to submit the financial report to MCC.
 - Amy will send denial letters and, after 15 day waiting period and completion of the financial report, will send out approval letters.

Next Meeting

- None scheduled at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Adams, Secretary