

Wales Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order

- A meeting of the Wales Cultural Council (WCC) was held at the Wales Town Offices on December 13, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Sue Gregory at 6:55 pm. Attendees included Sue Gregory, Amy Adams, Kristin Foster, and Meghan Matczak. Members not in attendance included Laura Foster and David Yutzler.

Minutes

- The minutes of the 12/4/18 meeting were reviewed. Sue made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Meghan. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Treasurers report: Kristen is still working with Valerie Bernier (Town Accountant) to work out how much money is available to the Cultural Council for grants. The most recent report we have is dated 6/30/18 and shows \$12,000 but we know that vouchers have been paid since then so \$12,000 is not an accurate figure for what is available to us for grants.

New Business

- Grant applications were reviewed. Because we aren't sure how much money is available, the council could not make any final decisions regarding grant approvals.
- The council did decide that there were 2 applications that would not be approved:
 - Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Task Force application (request is for new computer and doesn't meet the requirements of the MCC grant guidelines)
 - Weekly Suggested Events application (does not serve our area)
 - **Amy will send rejection letters before December 31st deadline**
- A late application for a grant was received today for the Wales Old Home Day (WOHD). WOHD wasn't aware of the deadline. The council would still like to support WOHD because it is an important cultural event in town. There was discussion about using the Local Cultural Council (LCC) 15% rule (15% of available funds may be set aside for projects that the LCC feels are important) to set aside 15% of available funds for WOHD as a way around the missed application deadline. No final decision will be made until the council knows how much money is available for grants.
- The box of WCC paperwork is being kept by Amy; 3 files (2017-2018) were given to Kristen. In reviewing the files for 2018, it appears that there were several vouchers for grant payments that may not have ever been submitted. Kristen will take this information to Val to try to sort out who has been paid and who hasn't.
- Sue will put a call into the Senior Center to ask for their order of preference re: the four Senior Center grants that were submitted. She will also talk to the MCC about an

extension for grant approvals and denials and will update the members listed on the MCC website

- Meghan will communicate with the school, library, and community members to find out what sorts of cultural activities they would like to see in the future.

Next Meeting

- December 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Wales Town Offices

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Sue, seconded by Kristin, at 8:38 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Adams, Secretary