

Wales Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

Call To Order

- A meeting of the Wales Cultural Council (WCC) was held virtually via GoToMeeting on November 16, 2021 due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. The meeting was called to order by Sue Gregory at 6:48 pm. Attendees of this virtual meeting included WCC members Sue Gregory, David Yutzler, Amy Adams, Cadence Boyce, and Meghan Matczak and guests Eleanor Pitcher, Ann Chrabascz, and Robyn Chrabascz

Minutes

- The minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Meghan made a motion, seconded by David, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Social Media:
 - Cadence set up a Twitter account for the cultural council, connected to Sue's phone number. She and Cadence will meet and discuss how to maintain that account at a later date
- Mass Cultural Council website and reporting:
 - MCC has a new website for reporting (massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com). All cultural council business, reporting, etc. is now conducted through this new site.
- 2021 grant updates:
 - Forest Park Travelling Zoo (\$288) and Talewise program (\$250) will not happen due to complications around COVID. The money for these programs will go back into available funds for grants.
 - Cadence made a motion, seconded by Meghan, to amend the grant proposal for the Senior Center trip to Old Sturbridge Village to allow funds to be used for a guided tour in addition to museum admission. Funds used remained the same at \$624. The motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer update:
 - \$5,781.00 available to grant, with the addition of funds from the above mentioned 2021 programs. David will contact Timothea from MCC to adjust the funds available in the granting system to reflect the cancellation of the above programs from 2021.

New Business

- New Member:
 - Eleanor Pitcher is attending today's meeting, as she is interested in joining the cultural council. Cadence made a motion, seconded by Meghan, to accept Ella as

a member of the council upon Ella being sworn in by the Town Clerk, advising the Selectboard, etc. The motion passed unanimously.

- Membership Terms:
 - Amy made a motion, seconded by David, to extend the cultural council memberships of Amy, Meghan, David, and Sue to second 3-year terms. The motion passed unanimously.
- Administrative funds:
 - Amy made a motion, seconded by Meghan, to set aside \$255 for administrative costs. Following discussion, the motion was amended to \$100. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2022 Grant Proposal Decisions:
 - Amy made a motion, seconded by Meghan, to accept the Wales Historical Commission grant as written for \$1,537.
 - A second motion was made by Meghan and seconded by Cadence to increase the grant award to the Wales Historical Commission by \$99 (the amount of money left to grant after all other grants were considered) for a total of \$1.636. The motion passed unanimously.
 - David made a motion, seconded by Cadence, to deny the grant request by Alex Leff for screening of an Alzheimer film because other programs provide more benefit to the community. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Meghan made a motion, seconded by David to approve the grant submitted by Robert Zammarchi in the amount of \$800 for the program Elijah T Grasshopper and Friends. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Meghan made a motion, seconded by Amy, to Deny the grant request made by Kirk Whipple for Duo Pianists because it did not provide as much benefit to the community as other grant proposals did. The motion passed with Amy, Sue, Meghan and David voting in favor and Cadence abstaining.
 - Meghan made a motion, seconded by Amy, to approve the grant application made by David Maloof for a ukulele program in the amount of \$350. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Amy made a motion, seconded by Meghan, to approve the 3 grant applications made by the Senior Center (visit to New England Air Museum-\$320, Visit to Magic Wings-\$280, visit to Old Sturbridge Village-\$520). The motion passed unanimously.
 - Meghan made a motion, seconded by Amy, to deny the grant request by Hilltown Families because other programs provide more of a benefit to our community. The motion passed unanimously.
 - David made a motion, seconded by Amy, to approve the grant requests made by Sean Fullerton (\$250 for music performance at senior center), Ken Longstreeth

(\$1,250 for free concert at church pavilion) and Daniel Kirouac (\$275 for concert at senior center). The motion passed unanimously.

- Meghan made a motion, seconded by Cadence, to deny the grant request made by Edward Wirt because other programs provide more benefit to our community. The motion passed unanimously.
- Next Steps:
 - David will follow up with MCC to update available funding, update MCC system to reflect our grant decisions, and create a list for tracking grants and following up on final reports
 - Amy will send denial letters and, after 15 day waiting period, will send out approval letters.

Next Meeting

- None scheduled at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Adams, Secretary