

# **Wales Cultural Council Meeting Minutes**

## **Call to order**

- A meeting of the Wales Cultural Council (WCC) was held at the Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield on January 23, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Sue Gregory at 6:53 pm. Attendees included Sue Gregory, Amy Adams, David Yutzler, and Meghan Matczak. Members not in attendance included Laura Foster.

## **Minutes**

- The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Meghan made a motion, 2nd by Amy, to approve with edits (change Linda to Laura, and add that David was sworn in prior to the meeting). The motion passed with Amy, David and Meghan voting in favor and Sue abstaining.

## **Old Business**

- Update re: outstanding grant payments:
  - Payments were made to Mr. Root, Porcino, and Maichak. Mr. Lappen's program did not happen so a payment does not need to be requested for him. The council believes that all outstanding grant payments have been made.
- Update re: denial letters:
  - Denials were sent to Hilltown Families (1/13), Domestic Violence Task Force (1/13), and the Latin band (1/18).
  - Mass Cultural Council Annual Report was completed during the meeting.
    - \$225 was set aside to cover administrative costs
    - The total unencumbered funds available to the WCC for grants is \$12,206, which is \$4,500 more than expected because we did not realize that the 2019 funds had not been released yet (expected to be released to WCC on 1/31/19).
- Sue made a motion, seconded by Meghan, to approve all remaining grant applications. The motion passed unanimously.
- Sue made a motion, seconded by Amy, to change the denial decision for the Latin band to an approval (because we have more unencumbered funds than expected). The motion passed unanimously.
- The council would still like to set aside 15% of the funds for Wales Old Home Day. Sue will contact Arreen at MCC to get clarification about whether or not we can set aside additional funds since we have more money available than grants requested.
- Future tasks for the council were discussed, top among them the need to seek community input and the need to update the description of the WCC on the MCC website.

## **New Business**

- Amy made a motion, seconded by Meghan, to appoint David as treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Next Meeting**

- February 27, 2019 at 6:45 pm at the Wales Town Offices

## **Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Sue, seconded by David, at 8:31 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Adams, Secretary