

Harwich Cultural Council- Minutes, January 11, 2024- Held at The 204, Sisson Rd.

Present: Bernadette Waystack- Chair, Chris Banks-Treasurer, Dinah Lane- Clerk, Sharon Moore- Grants Coordinator, Vicki Goldsmith, Jackie Leach, Pam North, Nina Schuessler - members

Call to Order- 4:02 PM

Public Comment and Announcements- None

Cultural Affairs Report- Bernadette announced that Kara is working on 2024 programming

Chair's Report- The Town Report will be filed with the town Jan. 12. There will be an art reception on January 26 from 5-7PM at Bernadette's studio in the 204, which will also celebrate the first anniversary of the Harwich Cultural Districts. Don Howell has been designated as the new liaison from the Board of Selectmen to the Cultural Council, due to Mary Anderson's resignation.

Minutes of 11/9/23 approved

Treasurer's Report- Chris reported the current balance- \$12,927.79. She sent the following written report:

2023 Grants paid

- *HJT/creative movement \$500*
- 4. *CC Museum of Nat'l History-Digital. \$600*
- 5. *Movimento \$500*
- 6. *Open Mic Classical \$300*
- 7. *Pleasant Bay Boating \$500*
- 9. *GHA \$500*
- 10. *Beyond the Bounds \$200*
- 11. *Denya LeVine \$400*
- 12. *Rise & Shine \$1000*
- 14. *Monomoy Middle School \$250. Partial of \$450*
- 15. *Puppets \$500*
- 18. *Outer Cape Chorale \$600*
- 19. *Chamber Orchestra \$500*
- 20. *Davis Bates \$550*

Total \$6900

#2. HJT /play \$1400 canceled

2023 Not returned

- 3. *Truro Center \$300*
- 8. *Harwich Conservation Trust \$1000*
- 13. *Arts & Justice \$500*
- 16. *Harwich Historical Society \$800*
- 17. *King Lear \$500*

Total \$3100

Report from Town Acct. 1/8/24
Grant acct #1501. \$12,927.79
Gift Acct #1730 \$ 2,990,57

Discussion re: extensions for those who have not submitted their request for reimbursement. Also, discussion of policy re : unreturned paperwork and status of projects. Sharon confirmed that the MCC date of confirmation to accepted 2023 grantees was 1/29/2023. Therefore, the **deadline for extension requests or requests for payment of completed projects is 1/29/2024.**

Old Business- There were 36 submitted applications for 2024 grants. Reviewed the tentative approvals made at November Board meeting and, after further discussion, made some changes and unanimously approved 23 applications for full or partial funding. The amount allotted for FY 24 grants is \$11,732. Sharon will send rejection letters. Group generated feedback for those rejected, based on the Council's specific criteria for approval.

New Business- Potential new Cultural Council member, Victoria Brown, has submitted her application to the BOS for approval. Bernadette will follow up on where her application stands.

Future agenda items: Chris suggests sharing with the Council some of the documents, letters she receives from the public. Vicki suggests adding more specific criteria for judging applications, eg: clarity, preparedness, specificity of grant details, etc.

Meeting adjourned- 5:02 PM