

Newton Cultural Council

12/4/2023

Present

Glenda Fishman, Sam Belisle, Livia Aber, Emily O'Neill, Robert Linsky, Cheryl Weber, Susan Friedman, Chris Pitts, Anne Marie Stein, Paula Gannon, Lisa Rucinski

Robert Linsky Presented

70386

Exhibition on themes of survival at a Cambridge Gallery through three different exhibitions/artists, one from Newton. Request is for \$4,350. Robert does not recommend due to impact on Newton. Unanimously declined.

69635

Boston Festival of New Jewish Music requesting support for a Klezmer Community Dance party in Newton Highlands. Request is for \$2k of \$3200 budget, Robert recommends. Eight in favor.

61812

Visual Arts. Request for a stone carving symposium at a center in Acton in the amount of \$800 of \$10,000 budget. No significant benefit to Newton. Unanimously declined.

57044

Healing Art Journal. This is a request for a workshop and Zoom meeting. Serves an important function, but not aligned with highest priorities. Request is for \$1400 of \$10k budget. 1 in favor, 8 against.

69805

Music- Aspiring voices in Jewish Music. Discussion about whether this is for the congregation and open to the public. Robert should ask also about how they are marketing.

57590

Music from the Margins—East West. Will take place at the Allen House. Unanimously accepted.

59885

Henna Diaries. The project is to create a body of work. There is no confirmed venue or date. Unanimously declined.

68990

Live Music Making History Live. No confirmed venue. Budget \$300 asking for \$300 and no Newton connection.

Chris Pitts Presented

58069

Chinese School. Melodies of Culture. Discussion about process because Chris called them. Unanimously in favor.

58480

Latin Jazz. Requesting 1400 of 3120 budget. Chris is lukewarm. Youtubes are uninspiring. Paula attended one of their concerts and felt that the project is of quality. All in favor.

58555

Island Vacation. Music. Elvis and Don Ho. Senior Center orientation. Paula went to one of his concerts and thought it was really good. 3 in favor 6 opposed.

58745

Music for Double Choir. 1945 out of 7000 budget request. Jameson Singers. Unanimously in favor.

59098

The Dream Unfinished. Commonwealth Chorale. 1k request of 9k budget. Well established group. Made serious attempts to diversify. Mostly Newton organization. Well attended. Unanimously in favor-- 8. Cheryl recused herself.

66801

Quartetting at the Price Center and Beyond. Requesting 500 for an event that has already taken place. 3 in favor 6 against.

69552

Sevenars. Based in Worthington and NYC. 47k budget with over half for space rental. No impact for Newton. Unanimously against.

Susan Friedman Presented

70092

Divinity and Sensuality. Already took place in Boston with little Newton targeting. Susan looked online and not particularly impressed. Little benefit. Not recommended. All against.

61632

Boston String Academy. 2k out of 4k. Feb 4 at Allen House. Students and faculty performance. Sounds great. Post concert reception and q and a. 8 in favor and 1 against.

67828

Let the Colors Dance. Dance Project that will take place in June at BU about Spanish Dance. This would support her part of the program. Requesting \$1200 of \$2700. 1 in favor, 8 against.

General comment that we should review our projects in the end—we might be shortchanging dance because there aren't any good facilities for dance.

62379

Boston Latin Line Dance request 700 out of 1200. Unanimously in favor

72084

Bridging Rifts Through Movement. Funding musicians to create music for Indian Dance performing group. Request 2k. Unanimously in favor.

70259

Newton Open Studios. 2500 request out of 30k plus budget. All in favor.

68732

Newton Festival of the Arts. Newton Community Pride. Emily and Chris recused. No quorum for this vote

56343

Spring Hafla 3000. Biannual multicultural dance showcase. Susan should call and ask about a venue. Unanimous. Funding conditional on venue.

Next week. December 11 start time 5 pm.

Glenda, Sam, Cheryl.

Emily and Liv at the end.