

NCC Meeting Minutes August 14, 2024

In person: Julie Fox, Paula Gannon, Lisa Rucinski, Linda Sevey, Kay Sloan, Anne Marie Stein
On Zoom: Clara Chan, Jeff Davis, Glenda Fishman, Cheryl Weber

1. NCC grant funding guidelines to be updated on Sept. 1:

- replace first two paragraphs with Anne Marie's condensed version. (with "public" inserted before "projects and activities in the arts")
- change "Newton Public Schools programs" to "public school programs".
- discussion of making an exception for programs serving neurodiverse children, decided that those are included in our funding priorities, as long as they are open to the public
- change dates to Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025.
- Everyone voted to approve the above changes.
- add "cultural" to the description of eligible applications from religious organizations.
- change "newtonculturalcouncil.org" to "newtonculturalcouncil.com", and Jeff will copy all the above changes to that website as well.

2. Community Survey:

- statistically irrelevant sample of responses, also skewed to audiences of free music concerts, so we will not change our updated grant funding priorities based on the remaining responses we expect to get in the next two weeks.
- Julie is working on proposing new questions for next year's survey, which will be on our September meeting agenda.
- We should take into account grantee responses in Final Reports, for future modification of grant funding priorities. Could someone make a report of those results from last year, such as total number of audience members?

3. Grantee Reception:

- Thursday September 26 at the War Memorial? Actually how about let's move it to February 2025? Everyone agrees that will be a better time.

4. Meeting adjourned.

- Next meeting Thursday 9/23, 6pm-7:30pm.