

Newton Cultural Council
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2022
5:30P
via Zoom

Attendees:

Chali Dones, Jane Feigenson, Glenda Fishman, Paula Gannon, Candy Gold, Kathy Hassinger, Amelia LeClair, Danielle Moriarty, Emily O'Neil, Chris Pitts, Anne Marie Stein, Mark Trilling,

Meeting was called to order at 5:33PM

Minutes from February 7, 2022, were voted on and approved.

Election of New Officers:

- Discussion on voting on a new slate of council officers was discussed and agreed to hold off on any nominations until the next meeting. A vote to hold off until the March meeting was unanimously accepted.

Council Strategic Direction:

- The council will work on its strategic plan and will create a set of goals for the upcoming year. Many questions arose including -
 - A. How can we make the council more cohesive?
 - B. What areas do we need to develop in greater detail?
 - C. Are we representing our villages?

Grantee Events:

- The council will attend grantee events along with fellow council members. Emily suggested that each council member select at least 3 events during the year that they will attend and report back to the larger group.
- The Council discussed how best to "announce yourself" as a NCC member when you attend and event. It is a good thing to for the performers to know that a NCC member is in attendance and supporting the event.
- Kathy Hasinger reported that after attending Dance in Celebration and Reflection, Take 2 Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra.
- Paula has created a document that will list all the grantee events. Council members were asked to add to the list so we have a cohesive calendar.
- Grantees will be asked to list their events to the Newton Arts Calendar. Paula will send email using the new email address to all grantees.
- Grantees will be asked to host their events virtually if applicable. This will help in building a broader audience.
- An article will be submitted to the Newton TAB congratulating all our Grantees. The Marketing committee will work on this.

Final Report:

- Paula reported that we have 5 outstanding final reports to collect.
- Three of these have had reasons for their delay.

2022 Grantees:

- 19 contracts and w9's have been returned and submitted to the bookkeeper for payment.
- The council will use a new email address - ncc@newton.gov This will help to simplify the various email address presently used.

Reception:

- Candy will help with the grantee reception.
- Emily offered to host the event at the NAC.
- Chali offered her 20 by 30 tent.
- A doodle pole will be sent out to see what dates will work.

Logo:

- The council will put a hold on our new logo and branding. This involves a lot of strategic planning and direction. Time will be needed to thoroughly identify the Communities needs.

Community Input:

- A survey will be revised and sent out prior to September 1, 2022.
- A QR code will be sent to grantees for them to include at their events. This will help to gather more important data.

Next Meeting will be held on March 28th in person at Paula's office.

The meeting concluded at 6:39PM