

Newton Cultural Council
Meeting Minutes
April 25,2022

Attendees:

Chali Dones, Jane Feigenson, Glenda Fishman, Candy Gold, Kathy Hassinger, Grey Held, Paula Gannon, Danielle Moriarty, Anne Marie Stein, Robin Stein, Mark Trilling

Meeting was called to order at 5:36PM.

Minutes were approved from the March 28, 2022 meeting.

Election:

- The Council is in need of a secretary. Anne Marie Stein has offered to work with Jane as Co Secretaries. A vote was taken and all approved.

Treasurer Report:

- Glenda Fishman reported on the financials.
- Grant Status as of April 19, 2022 is 54 grant application have been approved.
- Amount granted is \$48, 375.
- 38 grantees have returned all requested documents.
- 16 organizations have not submitted requested documents
- Glenda and Chris will send another round of reminders to these 16 organizations.
- There was a discussion regarding timing of applications. The grantees have 18 months, to hold their event and to submit all paperwork. The grantee event can happen 6 months prior to the deadline and then one year from application.

Adjudication Direction:

- Chris and Emily have been reviewing the Grant evaluation form.
- Adjustments were made to: Okay to now grant capital related expense, virtual/in person programs are acceptable.
- Emily discussed the importance of inclusion and diversity as a key criterion for grants in all categories.
- Robin Suggested we take a more active approach to reaching more diverse populations.
- Emily emphasized the more grants that are inclusive will help to build our base of diversity.
- Other items discussed were: Repeat applicants? How big a reach should the grantee programs span? Do we put a higher ranking on new initiatives vs grants that have a long history with the Council?
- Candy suggested we may want to give out more money to fewer grantees. This may have a bigger impact for the grantees.

- Chris suggested creating a “top ten” list of grantees and working from there? What are we most compelled by?
- Is the number process successful? 3,6,9?
- Do we score as a group?

Grantee Events:

- Paula attended the Highland Glee Club event and was very impressed with the whole production. A great performance attracting all ages.

The meeting ended at 6:38P