



Newton Cultural Council Meeting Minutes July 25, 2022

Attendees:

Sam Belisle, Paula Gannon, Candy Gold, Robert Linsky, Marie Longo, Emily O'Neil, Chris Pitts, and Robin Stein.

Chris opened the meeting at 5:31PM.

Meeting minutes from July 25th were approved.

Highland Glee:

- Jay spoke of the 2021, 2022 grants approved for Highland Glee and cleared up confusion with the paperwork. Highland Glee did not provide paperwork for the 2021 cycle and is now hoping the NCC can still provide the \$500.
- Emily suggested we take a vote with a condition that we check with the MCC to see if this is possible as the books have been closed. A vote was taken to provide the \$500 as long as the MCC says this is okay.

Treasurer Report:

- Glenda updated the council on the following
- In 2022 54 grants have been approved, funding \$48,375.
- Documentation for 51 has been received for \$45,975
- Three grantees are pending documentation with \$2,400 to cover those three.
- Bank balance is \$4,792, less \$2,400 will bring the account to \$2,392
- There is \$713 holding back for next cycle for admin expenses (survey's etc)
- All together the council has \$1,679 in the account. These funds are for regranteeing in the next cycle.

Reception:

- August 24th event will now be changed to September 29th.

Survey:

- Survey must be done by August 31, 2022. Survey is required by the MCC because we provide public funds and need to check in to make sure our funds are properly allocated and documented. Survey helps with checks and balances.
- Reviewed the survey
- The council's priorities are also due on the 31st.
- A motion was made to approve the 2023 survey with the addition of revised demographic questions and to align with the council's priorities. Motion was approved.

Committees:

- Sam will now serve on the diversity committee and Marie will join both the marketing and adjudication committees.
- Robert will join the marketing and adjudication committees
- Marketing and the committee will need to fill out forms allowing each member access to use social media to promote the NCC and its funded programs.

Community Events:

- Newtonville Village Day September 18th.
- October 2nd Upper Falls Village Day.
- Harvest Fair October 16th.

Strategic Direction will be tabled for future meeting.

Board involvement is still a priority and obtaining new talent in a staggered manner will be helpful going forward.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47PM.