

February 3, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 6:32 PM

Note Taker: Diane Spanos

Members Present: Amie Tailor, Andrea Lettic, Mary DeCoursey, Melanie Marcou, Diane Spanos

Absent: Marilyn Kulesa

**Secretary’s Report:** The minutes from our January 26, 2021 zoom meeting were read and accepted.

**Old Business:**

- Mary reported that two grant applicants, **Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare’s Shipwreck #46267 for \$300.00** and **CHAINSAWS, CHEESEBURGERS, AND ROCK N ROLL LIVE! #44113 for \$500.00** replied to her email in a positive, enthusiastic and timely manner. We had voted at the January 26, 2021 meeting to approve these two grants for funding if they met our criteria for a live venue or a virtual presentation through Auburn Cable Television.
- Funding of these two grants brings our total amount of money to be distributed to \$9030.00.
- We voted to take \$7.00 from our Administrative Fund to make up the difference and fully fund 20 grants.

**New Business:**

- Denial Letters have been sent to:
  - Blackstone Valley Art Association, Lisa Shea #3613 \$350
  - Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and other Beneficials, John Root #41350 \$450.00
  - Duo Pianists, Composers, & Educators Whipple & Morales, #43904 \$750.00
  - To Life: Celebrations in Story, song & Music, John Porcino #46430 \$425.00
  - Auburn Public Library, Jean Collins for the following grants:
    - Clayground #45290 \$350.00
    - Interactive Theater from Simply enchanted #44697 \$425.00
    - WingMasters – Owls #44486 \$450.00
    - Kites #44533 \$375.00
    - Library of Things #44481 \$1025.00
    - Butterflies – Cocoon to Monarch #44310 \$225.00
    - Ted Reinstein – Author Visit #43410 \$425.00
- Once the 15 day period has passed without any contesting of our denial letters, Amie will have all grant approval letters in PDF form with attachments for Publicity and Credit , Logos for Ma

Culture and Auburn Cultural Council, W-9 form and the Mass Cultural Council PDF Reimbursement Form in a folder in the Auburn Cultural Council Gmail account

- Melanie will complete and send Section 2 of the Annual Report and will submit the report in its entirety.
- Amie will complete the Sections 3-8 of the Annual Report. These Sections include:
  - Section 3: Member List
  - Section 4: Voting Meetings
  - Section 5: Denial Letters
  - Section 6: Community Input
  - Section 7: Applications
  - Section 8: Decisions
- Once acceptance letters are sent, Andrea will post events, dates and times. We will try to have members attend as many programs as possible.

Next Zoom Meeting will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane F. Spanos