

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:32 PM

Note Taker: Diane Spanos

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

Secretary Report:

- Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Report was reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Council reviewed the status of the Fitchburg Art Museum Grant After Spiritualism the exhibit opened on July 22nd and will run through September 6th, 2020. Credit has been given to the Auburn Cultural Council on the museum website and on the wall of the exhibit.
- We also reviewed the status of APL's three outstanding grants. The Hands on Nature Series ended and the reimbursement package was received. A partial reimbursement was requested for the Modified Plant Terrarium Grant. A second request for reimbursement will come after the plants have been purchased. The third grant Twig Family Puppet Show requires an in person audience and therefore Jean Collins has requested the Council to encumber the \$345 in funds for the 2021 grant cycle.
- All three Library grants were unanimously approved as requested.

New Business:

- Approved One Time Covid Mitigation Fund Allowance for Dan Kirouac for \$200
- Approved reimbursement request for \$125 to Sarah Lemovitz for *Read Across Auburn*
- Approved reimbursement request for \$300 to Audio Journal
- Approved encumbering funds into the 2021 grant cycle to the following grantees:
 - ❖ Tommy Rull, *A Musical Journey Through the Years* for \$350
 - ❖ Mike Stepian, *A concert for Seniors*, \$200
 - ❖ Tim Van Egmond, Folksinger and Storyteller, \$425

Approved the following Modifications to grants:

- Blackstone Valley Art Association is working on a virtual presentation on Robert Goddard and the Robert Goddard Park with video, history, photography and art.
- Dawn Kelley *Music is Love, Magic and Comedy* has a professionally produced magic show that is being coordinated through the Auburn television to be shown to town.

Approval will follow on the condition that this next grant can be modified reasonably with the approval of Jean Collins at the Auburn Public Library:

- Rhonda Fazio Dyer Maker Studio, *Dying to Wear It*, has developed two Zoom Instructional classes and planed a curbside pick-up and delivery through the library with materials for participants to create their own hand dyed scarves.
- ❖ Tim Kane is still planning to hold Public Hand Drumming Circle this fall unless Covid goes crazy!

An election of officers took place for the 2021 Grant Cycle and the new slate is as follows:

Chairperson: Amie Tailor
Vice-Chair: Mary DeCoursey
Secretary: Diane Spanos
Treasurer: Melanie Marcou
Publicity: Andrea Lettic

A discussion was held about the new grant timeline which has been extended by a month as the state of Massachusetts has not yet set its budget. The following were the important dates for the public to be aware of:

Thursday, October 1: Applications open, grant cycle begins and LCC priorities due to MCC

Monday, November 16: Grant Cycle closes applications to LCC's due, and LCC account form due

Between November 18 and December 1: Panel Books created and sent to local councils

Between November and January 2021: Voting meetings will be held

Advertisement avenues: Town website, Facebook pages, Auburn newsletter, Superintendent

A discussion was held on writing the 2021 Council Priorities according to the survey Monkey Results. The responders were interested in Community Gatherings (Festivals, Concerts and Plays), Environmental and Educational Projects and Cultural diversity, history and Arts. For group events it was suggested that we add: *"With current Covid Guidelines if necessary"*.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Next meeting date: Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 pm.