



South Hadley Cultural Council

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January 12, 2016

Present: Renee Sweeney, Halley Gmeiner, Lucia Foley, Dick Matteson, Marion Canning.

Absent: Bobbie Salthouse, Emily Dean, Bonnie Stretch

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Renee Sweeney the new Chair of the Council

Minutes:

A motion was made to accept the October and November minutes after corrections.

October corrections- Halley Ofner should read Halley Gmeiner.

November corrections:

34/16SH Tiger Craven	Support for Tigers around SH	\$1,600	\$360
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The final grant total amount is \$250 not \$360. The \$360 referred to the motion that was made to transfer \$360 from our fund (LLC) to supplement the grant pool fund.

A motion was made to accept the October and November minutes as amended. Motion accepted-passed.

Correspondence:

Lucia rec'd an inquiry as to how one finds out if their project has been accepted or not.

Treasurer's Report:

Dick reported that all fiscal 2015 bills have been paid. All grants have been paid in full. All interest through 12/31/2015 has been posted.

Account balance as of **11/16/2015** the LCC fund = \$9,309.47
 Grant fund= \$1,600.00
 Total= \$10,909.47

Account balance as of **12/31/2015 the end of the calendar year = \$9,176.59**

LCC fund \$8,816.59
 Grant fund \$ 360.00 (this balance is money transferred from the LCC Fund known as "Our money" for FY16 approved grant funding.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report/ motion accepted/ 2nd /passed

Old Business:

Recruitment-

Halley stated that she has reached out via e-mail to Mary D'amato. This individual has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the council. Halley will follow up before next meeting.

New Business:

1. Know Your Town (KYT, the town's volunteer/appointed committees and commissions) sent an invitation to the cultural council to participate in the Thursday, February 11th forum at 7:00pm. After discussion Halley volunteered to present a brief 3 minute explanation of who the council is and what the mission of the council is. She will have information available to give attendees and will inform the attendees about the Cultural Council's activities. Lightly explain the grant process and our involvement with the state.
2. Approval letters must be sent out before the end of January. A request for reimbursement form instruction sheet will be included with the letter. This form was supplied by Dick. Renee will send out the award letters. Lucia offered to assist if needed.
3. Event Planning: Halley, Bobbie and Marion are planning to meet as a work group on Feb.9th at 6:00 pm to brainstorm some interesting activities or events for the public in the coming year. The Feb.9th Community Room reservation was cancelled as there is nothing scheduled.
4. Lucia will send out a press release and contact John Scibak and inform him of the council's status and upcoming plans.
5. Updating the annual meeting calendar will be done.

Upcoming Dates

Business meetings	March 8	6pm	Board Room
	May 10	6pm	Board Room
	Sept. 13	6pm	Board Room
	Nov. 15	5pm	Board Room (grant cycle review)
	Dec.8	a meeting at 6pm, if needed for reconsideration, in the Board Room	

Community Arts The Community Room has been reserved for April 12th and October 11th at 6:30pm for any projects, presentations or activities that may have been organized by then.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was 2nd/accepted and passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Canning