

## **Berkley Cultural Council Oct. 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:15pm. In attendance –Kelley Larabee, Carla Lyman, Arlene Medeiros, Jeanne Russo, Stephanie Malloch, Angela Chang, Susan Barrett. No guests in attendance.
2. Minutes of 9.9.24 distributed by email. Motion to accept made by Carla Lyman, second by Stephanie Malloch. All in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report from Arlene Medeiros:
  - Grant for current cycle is \$7000.
  - Arlene asks council if we are keeping 5% (\$350), motion to do so by Carla, second by Stephanie, all in favor.
  - Arlene asks council if we are holding \$1400 for our own programs (eg concert series)? Motion to do so by Stephanie, second by Carla, all in favor.
  - With those 2 motions, we have \$5250 balance from state allotment to grant out.
  - With remaining administrative expenses of @257.71 turned back, plus Berkley Historical Society award of \$750.12 not used, brings grand total to grant out to \$7007.95 this cycle.
  - Received requests for reimbursement for music event at COA, Frances Hart concert, and Old Colony.
  - Balance of state funds currently \$3239.46, non-state \$3842.75, total balance \$7082.21
4. 2024 Concert series update and discussion
  - Per Stephanie have Timmy Brown for June concert, Kevin & Tom for July, Emily for August, and Melanie Grant for September.
  - Kelley reports council raised \$240 at sign event, to be put towards concert series.
  - Kelley proposes council plan on using January meeting to brainstorm additional fundraisers for concert series.
  - Kelley will submit request for use of Town Common for 2025 concert dates with the Board of Selectman.
  - Arlene will look into larger signs to advertise concerts.
  - Jeanne will check with TMLP if they would list concert dates on May bills?

Arlene makes motion to take Agenda item #6 out of order, Carla seconds, all in favor.

6. Correspondence and unanticipated topics/discussion:
  - Kelley reports no communications received.
  - Jeanne would like to talk about logo flags for concert series at January meeting as well – thinking 2 feather signs to place on either side of performers.
5. 2025 Grant Application review (specifically to determine if we have questions or need further information – unless otherwise noted, we do not)
  1. Applause Academy, \$500 for overall costs
  2. Berkley Historical Society, \$650 for artist
  3. Berkley Historical Society, \$500 for food (same event as #2)
  4. Berkley Middle School, \$500 for theatre production
  5. Berkley Public Library, \$650 for Drum to Beat
  6. BPL, \$350 for Fun Fused Glass
  7. BPL, \$400 for Me and my Mini (2 programs)
  8. BP Regional HS, \$1000 for Sponge Bob musical
  9. CoCreative, \$4000 \*no sponsor
  10. Cranberry Coast, \$500
  11. Midori Evans/South Coast, \$600 for writing events calendar \*no sponsor
  12. Face Paint, \$50 to purchase their books for Berkley library
  13. Fall River Arts and Culture, \$600
  14. Friends of Dighton Rock, \$250 for ZooMobile

15. Friends of COA, \$300 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration
16. Friends of COA, \$400 for DJ at Craft Fair
17. Friends of COA, \$250 for DJ at Veterans Day event
18. Fuller Craft Museum, \$350 for Crafts for Kids
19. Fuller Craft Museum, \$300 for Crafts for all
20. Frances Hart/COA, \$400 for concert
21. Jumpin Juba/COA, \$380 for concert
22. Andrew Lewis Park, \$595 \*no sponsor
23. Mayflower Camerata, \$800 for concerts
24. Ian Motha, \$3430 for spring concert \*no sponsor
25. Ian Motha, \$3430 for fall concert \*no sponsor
26. Hip Hop/COA, \$380
27. New Bedford Festival Theatre, \$450 for Summer Academy
28. Old Colony Historical Society, \$500 for "Berkley Day" free admissions
29. Outdoor Sculpture, \$1335 \*no sponsor
30. Practice Best Practice, \$200 for workshops \*no sponsor
31. Sing-a-long/COA, \$300
32. Roger Williams ZooMobile/Berkley Community School, \$655 for 4 classroom presentations
33. Soule Homestead, \$750 for programs and events
34. South Coast Community Chorale, \$1000 for 2 concerts in Somerset
35. Town of Freetown, \$400 to pay for summer 2024 concerts
36. Theft of Dignity, \$680

Notes:

- per Kelley's numbering system, #1-16 Berkley based, #17-23 adjacent communities, #24-36 more distant communities
- Carla will ask library if would be interested in Facepaint books?
- Kelley will ask Berkley Middle School principal if would be interested in anti-bullying program (Theft of Dignity application)
- Arlene will ask COA/Friends of COA to rank their multiple applications in order of preference

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm as motioned by Arlen, seconded by Angela, all in favor. Next meeting date: Monday November, 2024, 6pm, will be voting meeting.