

Berkley Cultural Council
January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:37pm. In attendance – Jeanne Russo, Carla Lyman, Stephanie Malloch, Arlene Medeiros, Kelley Larabee, Susan Barrett, and Angela Chang via Zoom
2. Minutes of Nov. 28, 2022 distributed by email previously. Motion to accept by Carla Lyman, seconded by Stephanie Malloch. All in favor by roll call.
3. Treasurer's Report by Arlene Medeiros (see attached)
 - 2 requests for reimbursement received: Mayflower Camarata, to finish off grants from FY20 and FY21
 - No word from Lori M. regarding extension of grant, which was due by 12/31/22. Therefor \$910 to be regranted to FY24.
 - FY22 grants – extension requests due by 12/31/22, requests for reimbursement by 1/13/23. Arlene emailed both the Berkley Historical Society re 2 grants (History at Play and The British are Coming, totalin \$1050) and Taunton Civic Chorus (\$200) to remind.
4. 2023 Grant Letters prepared by Arlene, will mail tomorrow. Denial/rejection letters already sent by system and have cleared waiting period.
5. Ideas Council plans/goals/events for discussion at next meeting (aside from Farmer's Market which Stephanie and Jeanne are already working on).
 - Jeanne: Banner and Flags: Jeanne to speak with highway dept. Idea being to put up along Common after July 4th flags come down and fly through our grant cycle (~October). Flag with BCC logo +/- name. Council suggests we discuss with Amy King. We likely need approval from selectman? Kelley will reach out to Amy King after Jeanne gets some information from highway department. Then council can work with Amy on draft, once have in hand can request meeting with selectman.
 - Stephanie: Summer Concert series: would require permission to use Common from selectman. Stephanie will work with Angela on social media posts to advertise and judge interest. Council needs to discuss whether performers would be volunteer or awarded a small stipend.
6. Correspondence/additional topics/discussions:
 - Amy from Berkley Middle School theatre group inquiring on status of their grant – letter to be mailed tomorrow (see #4)
 - Heather Almy notified Council of Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law notices which require Council review and signature acknowledging such.

Kelley to forward files to council members, handed out signature forms to each council member. Members can bring to next meeting signed.

- Angela asks if Council wants to look into Mass Cultural Council festival grants – per a quick search of website does not appear have continued that program. Newer program of Cultural Facilities Fund appears to be much grander than what we would be in need of, and applications due by Feb. 2nd.

7. Next meeting scheduled for Monday February 6, 2023 6:30pm.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm as motioned by Arlene, seconded by Carla, all in favor by roll call.