

## **Berkley Cultural Council October 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:27pm. In attendance –Kelley Larabee, Stephanie Malloch (via Zoom), Angela Chang, Jeanne Russo, Arlene Medeiros, Susan Barrett. Guest in attendance: Suzanne Adam.
2. Minutes of September 15 meeting previously distributed by email for review: 1 correction → review meeting date is 10.27, not 10.17. Motion to accept with that correction by Arlene, seconded by Angela, all in favor (by roll call).
3. Treasurer's Report from Arlene:
  - We have \$6409.21 total to grant out
  - State grant was \$7000, minus \$350 kept for administrative costs, \$1400 for our programs, plus rollovers and carryover = \$6409.21
4. Review FY2026 Grant Applications
  - Reorganized to reflect Berkley-based applications #1-15, adjacent communities #16-20, nearby communities #21-30
  - Note BPL order of priority: Mad Science, Animal World, Ed the Wizard, Magic Show
  - Note Town of Berkley Memorial Day application lists performer other than NoteAble Blend Chorus which also applied for Memorial Day event, Kelley to ask for clarification
  - Note Town of Berkley Memorial Day application response regarding other funding unclear, also has funding from MA Cultural Council and/or Celebrations Committee??? Kelley to ask for clarification
  - Note Dennis Wise application for Theft of Dignity not sponsored by BMS this year – they feel would be better on an every-other-year cycle
  - Questions as to whether Dighton Historical Society and Girls Inc of Taunton applied to other for funding as that question on respective applications left blank
  - Note Andrew Lewis-Parks application for Coffee House project – COA not interested in sponsoring
  - Note Jon Waterman application not sponsored by COA per se, but they would identify as 3<sup>rd</sup> interest following their top 2 choices – applications from Francis Hart for The War Years and from MUSIC Dance for Hip Hop SQUARE Dance
5. Correspondence and any unanticipated topics/discussion
  - Random email from a HHA asking about in-home services, Kelley referred to COA
  - Voice mail from Fred regarding application from Mayflower Camerata, if council has any questions etc
  - Mail invoice received for domain name? Per Angela is SPAM, ignore and discard!
6. Next meeting date set for Thursday Nov. 6, 6:15pm for voting meeting. Motion to adjourn at 7:49pm by Arlene, second by Angela, all in favor (by roll call).