

Berkley Cultural Council Meeting 10/6/2021

1. Meeting called to order at 6:37pm.

Present: Eden Jones, Carla Lyman, Jeanne Russo, Arlene Medeiros, Susan Barrett, Angela Chang (remotely)

2. Minutes of Sept. 1st meeting read by Susan Barrett and accepted by all.
Approved minutes to be submitted to town.
3. Treasurer's Report by Arlene Medeiros – please see attached. Submissions for reimbursement coming in as indicated, plus a late submission from New Bedford Festival Theatre.

Arlene also advises Council that we need to decide how much money to allocate for Administrative Funds, and whether we want to do a Cultural Council program – discussion to follow.

4. Discussion of Mass Cultural Council offer:
 - FY 2021 turned back \$145.83
 - 2021 grant \$6200
 - How much for administrative funds? Can be up to \$310. Council votes to approve affirmative motion by Carla, seconded by Angela, all in favor.
 - Do we want a council program? Can use up to \$1240. Council votes yes to both, with Map Project as program, to be completed by Jan. 2023. Motion to approve by Carla, seconded by Jeanne, all in favor.
 - Balance of \$4839 to grant out FY 2022
 - Arlene notes that council can use non-state funds for program as needed.
 - Angela recommends council continue and increase advertising of Map program via social media, mailing lists, and website. Motion to setup a website, purchase domain name, and purchase hosting by Carla, seconded by Arlene, all in favor. Council chooses "BerkleyCulturalCouncilMA.org" for domain name.
5. New/Old Business
 - Mayflower Camarata contacted council again regarding need to extend both programs (2020 Beethoven 5th Symphony and 2021 Baroque Christmas, each funded \$100) due to logistic issues of pandemic, specifically proof of vaccine. Council discusses extending versus having reapply. Carla motions to extend through Dec. 31st 2022, specifying to grantee this is the final extension. Motion seconded by Arlene, all in favor. Eden will notify grantee.
 - Council members ask if grantees know monies granted are not going to be used how best to handle? If a definite answer and money amount are provided by grantee by Oct. 10th via email, Arlene will add those amounts to the \$4849 balance. Motion by Arlene, seconded by Jeanne, all in favor.

- Berkley COA Museum of Science trip grant has been poorly received. COA requests change to Boston Pops Christmas show. Angela puts forth motion to approve, Jeanne seconds, all in favor (Arlene abstains from this vote).
 - Eden presents information on ARPA (Artists Rescue Plan Act) possible funding as relayed by Mass Cultural Council. Council to keep in mind and consider should an appropriate idea come up.
 - Festivals Program of Mass Cultural Council provides grants of \$1500 for festival events. Fall Festival applications accepted 9/15-11/3, Spring Festival applications accepted 1/10-2/25. Eden suggests possibility of Flower Shows, council considerations and discussion to continue.
6. Next meetings set for Monday Nov. 8th and Monday Nov. 29th to review FY 2022 grant applications and final granting decisions, respectively.
 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm, as motioned by Carla, seconded by Angela, all in favor.