

Hudson Cultural Council Minutes

Meeting Date: November 4, 2019

Location: Hudson Senior Center
The Great Room

Members Present: Dorothy Bagley, Jennifer Finn, Peter Fiske, Jane Gordon, Ellen King, Ellen Kisslinger, Patricia Luoto, Doris Monteiro, Stephanie Plourde-Simard, Donna Specian, Sarah Worrest

Members Absent: Helen Mutti, Bob Olkin

Others in Attendance: Anthony Monteiro, grant applicant

The Council welcomed its two newest members: Peter Fiske and Donna Specian.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ellen Kisslinger, Co-Chair.

The minutes of the October 3, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

The Council decided to table the discussion of the distribution of HCC annual survey results. It will take place at a future meeting.

New Business:

Ellen Kisslinger presented how the Council would proceed regarding the review of submitted grants and how decisions were to be made. Stephanie Plourde-Simard reported on the amount of grant money to be distributed after funds were set aside for administrative purposes. Doris Monteiro reviewed the Hudson Cultural Council Funding Priorities and Local Guidelines.

With a total of \$12,417 to be awarded for the 2020FY, the Council proceeded to discuss the grant proposals. There were nineteen grant application requests totaling \$16,180 to be considered. Members brought up concerns they had regarding whether some grants met the state and/or local guidelines. Each grant was reviewed based on the Council's Funding Priorities and the State as well as Local Guidelines. Grant applications went through a preliminary process as to whether members thought a submittal should be denied or should possibly receive funding. After discussion, preliminary amounts were allocated to each proposal. Following a review of the entire Grant Proposal spreadsheet, a motion was made and seconded to vote on the grant funding as it was presented.

The Council unanimously voted to provide funds for sixteen grants and to deny funds to three grants that did not meet either state or local guidelines. Grants #32426 and #38881 did not have valid local sponsor letters. Grants #30957 did not meet the Mass Cultural Council eligibility requirements. The Council determined that the proposed project violates state restrictions regarding the purchase of food. Additionally, it was felt that the venue violated the MCC requirement that all events/facilities funded by LCCs must be ADA accessible.

The Election of Officers took place with the following members being unanimously voted in to their positions for the 2019-2020 council year:

Co-Chairman: Patricia Luoto

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Secretary: Doris Monteiro

Treasurer: Stephanie Plourde-Simard

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Future Meetings:

Monday, November 25th - To address any reconsideration requests from applicants who were denied funding

Thursday, January 2nd - To plan for the upcoming year (Community Survey timeline for 2020, ArtFest Hudson, etc.)

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Monteiro, Secretary