

Montague Cultural Council  
December 16, 2018  
Gill-Montague Senior Center  
1PM-4PM

**1. Chair opened the meeting at 1:10 PM**

Present: Pam, Dan, Jen, Rachel, Kate, John, Anne, Cindi. Absent: Jan and Shannon (Rachel needed to leave at 2:35 PM, and returned at 3:07 PM). (Cindi left at 2:35 PM while the council discussed her grant proposal, and returned at 2:45PM).

**2.** Cindi agreed to continue as secretary with the stipulation that the way she records the minutes won't continue to be micromanaged. As long as she meets the state's requirements regarding what needs to be included, she will move forward doing the secretary's duties in a different, yet equal way to those who have done it in the past. A draft of the minutes will be emailed to everyone each month to read over, and if they have requests for changes, they should bring them to the next meeting for discussion, group consensus, and transparency.

**3. Changes in the 11/03/18 minutes** were agreed upon by the council then edited by Jen during the meeting. The following changes were made:

\*Suzanne Lomanto from RiverCulture was present from 10-10:45 AM.

\*Anne [arrived at 10 am]

\*Jan [arrived a little after 10 am]

\*There was not a formal Treasurer's report. The required (first two) components of the Annual Report to the MCC were submitted by the deadline.

\*Noted that the applications listed were a comprehensive list with detail provided only for the ones we had voted on.

\*Cindi left the meeting at 12:30pm so we could discuss her application.

\*Rachel requested that at a future meeting we discuss the idea of not allowing council members to apply for LCC grants while they are active members.

\*The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM

\*Next meeting date: December 16, 2018, 1-4 pm

#### **4. Recent and upcoming programs:**

\*Anne reported that Talking Turkey happened on 11/17 and was well attended.

\*Jen reported that the softball doc screening will happen next Spring at the Shea theater. Since the project won't be completed in a year, they'll be asked to submit an update and a request for an extension.

\*Rachel reported that Books Through Bars will be doing a final report by the end of the year.

\*Anne reported that Beverly (Lovelight) will be submitting a final report by the end of the year.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report:**

Anne reported that we received the check from RiverCulture and it was deposited in MCC's bank account. She requested paperwork from those who wanted to be reimbursed meeting supplies and publicity costs (printing and postering).

She also stated that there is a total of \$14,110 in grant requests, and a total of \$6,578.00 is available for MCC to grant.

We are required to finalize all of the grantee amounts by the end of the year. Anne and Kate will send a report by December 31.

#### **6. Review of awardee materials:**

Sample grant award materials were handed out, as well as copies of the pilot program guidelines. We discussed re-wording “in-kind donations” to just “donations” on our award letter to ensure that the meaning of this line item is clear to everyone. Several other minor changes were discussed. Kate moved to approve the changes as reviewed. Anne seconded, all approved.

**7. Allocation of funds.** (application numbers correspond to Anne’s initial print out of all the submitted applications, and the names of the projects are in bold).

1. **Weekday Young People's Theatre Performance @ The Shea/Piti Theater** was funded for \$ 250.00.

2. **Great Falls Books Behind Bars Documentary and Discussion Evenings 2019** was funded for \$250.00. It was stipulated the group provide us with the planned schedule for 2019 and return their FY18 final report.

4. **Good Music Makes Good Neighbors** was funded for \$200.00 with the stipulation that the event be accessible to all.

5. **World Music Supercollider** was funded for \$250.00.

6. **Free Pickling in the Park Series** was funded for \$253.00

9. **Community Network for Children’s BIM BAM Music at Northfield Mountain** was funded for \$200.00. MCC asked the group to consider applications to other

local cultural councils to co-sponsor similar events in the future.

11. **Exploded View Turners Falls 2019** was funded for \$275.00.

12. **Bagnall's Turners Falls: Vol.I** was funded for 250.00 with the stipulation that there is at least one opportunity for the public to experience the work at an accessible venue in Montague during 2019.

13. **Right Up My Alley** was funded for \$275.00.

18. **Voices Carry/Voices from Inside** was funded for \$300.00.

19. **Nolumbeka Project's Full Snow Moon Gathering and Wampum presentation and workshop with Elizabeth James-Perry** was funded for \$250.00.

20. **The Lovelight Live Show** was funded for \$250.00. The council stipulated the Lovelights must find an accessible venue for the performance. Anne abstained from this vote due to personal involvement in the program.

22. **Musica Franklin Community Nights** was funded for \$275.00.

23. **Mabel and Jerry - Obstacles to the Altar** was funded for \$200.00.

24. **The Antenna Cloud Farm concert series** was funded for \$250.00.

26. **Valley Audio Hearth** was funded for \$75.00.
27. **Gender-Politics-Power: Helping local youth find a voice through an immersion into Macbeth by Shakespeare/Young Shakespeare Players** was funded for \$250.00.
28. **Yoga Program for Children** for \$250.00 with stipulation that it be in a venue that is accessible to all.
30. **The Friends of GFDC Amazing Beaver Program** was funded for \$150.00.
31. **Trees as Sentient Beings** was funded for \$275.00. Cindi did not participate in this discussion or vote.
32. **Racial Justice Rising Monthly Racial Justice Program Series** was funded for \$200.00.
33. **Houdini** was funded for \$200.00. Werner was asked to ensure that there is at least one opportunity for the public to experience the work at an accessible venue in Montague during 2019.
35. **Makerspace Workshop** was funded for \$250.00.
38. **Children's Songs and Singing Games** was funded for \$200.00.
39. **The Turners Falls Girls Softball documentary** was funded for \$100.00. The council wanted to show its continued support of the project but stipulated that a progress report and changes to the FY18 project be submitted before FY19 funds can be released.

**40. Youth Music & Visual Arts Showcase with Northampton Community Music Center, the Brick House & Shea Theater** was funded for \$200.

**41. Art Series for Pre-teens and Teens/Montague Public Libraries** was funded for \$250.00 It was stipulated the program be accessible to all interested participants and to hold a public display related to the art.

**42. Collaging for Fun** was funded for \$200.00, with the stipulation that it be accessible to all including all genders. The stipulation did not preclude Patterson from holding the class at the Women's Center.

**43. Radical Interconnectedness Festival/Eggtooth Productions** was funded for \$250.00.

**8. The next meeting will be on Feb 3, 2019 from 1-3 PM**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM**