

**Scituate Cultural Council**

**Fall Voting Meeting**

**November 2, 2023**

Members present: Christine Becker (via zoom arrived at 7:02), Terry Boyle, Dan Fogarty, Susan Gallagher, George Humphrey, Tracey Kelly, Michele McGrath (via zoom), Janice Murphy, Brenda O'Brien, Betty Tufankjian

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

Janice noted there were no members of the public arriving to review their grant requests.

She also reviewed the need for members to recuse themselves from discussions if affiliated with a grant request.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

The Council discussed a request from the Scituate mural committee to extend the approval of the \$800 funding approved in last year's funding cycle. The request also asked for approval of a change in use of the money. Instead of being used directly for the mural, they now wanted to use the funding for a sign to announce a future mural. It appears that this project is running way behind schedule. The request for both extension and use change was denied. The Council happily welcomes the group to reapply for this project in FY'24. A member of the Council will reach out to Patrice Maye of the mural committee to explain this decision.

Student involvement update. Tracey reached out to jamale adams, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at Scituate High School, and explained we were looking for a couple students to be involved with the Council. Two students expressed interest and information was sent to all involved. Neither replied nor attended this meeting. Brenda will follow up with jamale as all believe having students (translation young people) work with us will be good. Michele has a contact whose daughter was looking for some community service so if the SHS students don't work out, that is a potential option.

The Council reviewed all grant requests to eliminate those that the Council feels are not within line with guidelines, timing, not geographically related, etc. The following were eliminated:

1. Brockton Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
2. Fuller Craft Museum (2 grant requests) – Craft for Kids and Craft for All
3. Scott Maloney – I Am....
4. Mark Margitich – Gina Mark in Concert
5. John Porcino – To Life!: Celebrations in Story, Song and Muisic
6. Michael Shea – Songs and Stories of the American Folk Revival for Seniors
7. Patrick Smith – Afternoon of Brass #3
8. Bernadette Stockwell – Scituate: Do Your Art!

9. SSYMCA – Corn Festival performers
10. Matt York – Song and Stories: Willie Nelson

A second review of remaining grant requests utilizing criteria noted above resulted in approval of the following:

1. Choral Arts Society of the South Shore, Inc.: “Bright Morning Stars” - \$500
2. Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc.: Sharing Native American Culture - \$450
3. Friends of the Scituate Town Library: Scituate Library Summer Concert Series - \$500
4. North and South Watershed Association: Water Watch Lecture Series - \$500
5. Old Ship Candlelight Concerts: Candlelight Concerts - \$250
6. Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc.: 2023-24 Concert Season and Outreach - \$500
7. Satuit Concert Band Corp.: Summer Band Concerts - \$500
8. Scituate Historical Society: LIFE Comes to Scituate - \$500
9. Scituate Public Schools: Masterclass Series at Gates and High School - \$500
10. Scituate Sister City Santa Catarina do Fogo: Cape Verde 48th Independence Day - \$800
11. Scituate Sister City Santa Catarina do Fogo: Cape Verde 49th Independence Day - \$750
12. Anne Smrcina: Wonderful Whales: Whales in stories, art and science - \$500
13. South Shore Art Center, Inc. The Inspired I – Paid Youth Art Apprenticeships - \$500
14. Talking Information Center, Inc.: TIC Live Radio Theater - \$500
15. The Broad Cove Chorale – Unicorn Singers: 2023-24 Winter and Spring Concerts - \$500
16. The James Library & Center for the Arts: Edmar Colon Quartet - \$250
17. The James Library & Center for the Arts: Fifth Annual Spring Juried Art Show - \$250
18. The James Library & Center for the Arts: International Piano Soloist Einav Yarden - \$250
19. The James Library & Center for the Arts: Author Stephen Puleo: The Great Abolitionist: Charles Sumner and the Fight for a More Perfect Union: \$250
20. The Scituate CORSE Foundation, Corp: Music Therapy for Children with Special Needs - \$1,000

The Council reviewed 31 grant requests and approved 20 as listed above. The total for all grants awarded is \$9750.

Grant denials and approvals will be sent out by Tracey. The applicants who have been denied will have two weeks to respond with any questions. Once that timeframe has passed, the approvals will follow.

Other business. There is a newly formed bicycle committee. Sue is the SCC liaison and has been attending their meetings and wanted to make us aware of it as she believes there will be a tie in with the art community as things progress. This might mean a grant request in the future.

It was also noted that four current members will be stepping down from the Council as of June 30<sup>th</sup> due to length of time of Council (six years limit). They are George, Janice, Michele, and Tracey. With their departures, there are responsibilities that need to be assumed by others. Dan will be the treasurer (thank you, George, for skills transfer), Brenda will be sole chair (thank you, Janice for being co-chair). There is a need to someone to do social media and be secretary. A meeting will be held on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the library to talk about possible recruitment activities.

Regarding social media, a discussion took place with all agreeing that there needs to be a one-stop source for passwords, contacts, etc. for all the SCC social media tools.

Tracey will send emails out to grantees to request photos to SCC after events. (Set up timed email.) Sue will send info to Council with email address.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:19. Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Kelly