

Scituate Cultural Council Meeting November 20, 2018

Presentations by

Caroline - Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. Based in Plymouth. Scituate is #5 for people who come to the concert. Support of current season. Free concert series at Y in Hanover and free concert series in Plymouth.

\$8 for children up to \$55 for premium tickets.

They have elementary programs but they aren't involved in Scituate schools right now. Partner with South Shore Conservatory.

Bill Richter - longtime teacher in public school. High school choral director. 60 singers at the high school. Proposal to put together a program involving Scituate High School Choral to work with the Pilgrim Choral Society. Proposal to reduce the ticket price of the performing art center and also cover the cost of the rental of the performing art center.

75 voices in Pilgrim Festival Chorus. Also multi-generational aspect.

Seeking \$1200 increased request from last year due to increased exposure.

General Business

Robin - need to decide how much money we're holding back for administrative funds.

Michelle volunteered to take over publicity for the committee.

Last year got 18 applications and funded 13. This year got 18 applications.

There's a lot of music proposals.

Wanting to get the word out about the Cultural Council to get more diversity. The grant recipients are required to advertise the Cultural Council. Possible press releases. February press release to get people ready. Town supports music which is why there's a lot of music applications.

Michelle discussed marketing ideas. Posters to help advertise the cultural council. Need a protocol and sign out sheet for banners. Need a calendar for the year for when there needs to be visibility.

Funding to support arts, humanities, and sciences.

George Humphrey taking over accounting from Robin. Her term ends in June or July. Approved.

Stacie Madden sworn in as secretary until June. Approved.

Bike Rack Project Subcommittee - It would be a sculptural bike rack. Do we want to create a subcommittee for a special project? This year would be planning and then could come to the voting meeting or have a special meeting. The cultural district is interested in partnering with us for this bike rack. Band Stand area. Robin is happy to volunteer for this committee until June.

Decision was made to create the subcommittee.

Robin volunteered.

Sue interested in doing the sub committee. Bikes 15 miles a week. She says there should be more bike racks.

George's wife is involved in the beautification committee. George will be on the sub committee.

Denise Parker is happy to be on the committee.

There were questions of the need for another sculptural bike rack. The one at the library is never used. How much of a need is there?

Michelle - There are a lot of bike riders in Scituate. Downtown is where they need it. People are training for the Pan Mass Challenge.

We will call the committee **Special Project Committee** in case there is something else that comes up.

Sub Committee can meet on their own and Sarah can organize another meeting after the holidays.

Open Meeting Laws - This is an open meeting. Add the wording "In compliance with Open Meeting Laws, all applicants are free to attend the LCC's voting meeting which is posted at Town Hall 48 hours in advance of the meeting."

Should be put on the website, on all the press releases, on social media pages in the about section. Voted to add this to that section. Approved.

Meeting Minutes Approved From Last Meeting.

Grant Discussion.

Voting Meeting Calculation Sheet is done with town administrator.

We have \$247.67 - in interest so we can use that for administrative costs.

We have 5,250 - to spend.

Historically set aside \$80 and another year we set aside \$168. So these funds have carried over. This year we might have to have a reception but we could put it off until next year. It has to happen every 3 years. Could have a party to celebrate what is being planned - a party to celebrate the art installation / bike rack.

Performing Art Center hasn't had their grand opening so maybe we could partner with them to have a party.

Recommending holding back 5% which means we can spend \$5242.67 to spend on grants. We will set aside \$255.

\$8275 - is what people have applied for if we approved all the grants.

Eliminated **Elijah T Grasshopper** - vague, high price, no location, not connected to the (28361). Didn't really do the leg work of the proposal.

Eliminated Henry the Juggler - vague and doesn't have reach here.

South Shore Children's Chorus - don't reach many Scituate students.

Fireflies - \$150.

Affordable for every family. Only \$5 for families. Very unique. Science and humanities. YES

Fuller Craft Museum SENSEation Days \$250

It's a great program but how many people from Scituate will go? Great that it's a free program and it's visual. The only museum that applied. They want us to have a diverse application pool. Good promotional opportunities. MAYBE Decided to give them \$150

Water - New England's Next Big Challenge \$250

In Hanson. Also charging \$25 a ticket. NO

South Shore Perspectives \$300

Plymouth. Storytelling event. They'd offer South Shore residents free tickets. Thought it would be nice. YES. Talk funding afterwards. Fund \$200

Drumming at the Library with All Hands Drumming \$300

Funded a drumming circle on the council on aging. Would be great for multi-generational. At the library. Multicultural. In Scituate. YES.

64th Annual Arts Festival \$450

Cross Generational. 10,000 people. YES

Summer Band Concerts \$500

Multigenerational. YES

North River Arts

Multigenerational. Well attended by Scituate. YES

Plymouth Phil (2505) She came from Plymouth.

South Shore's orchestra. Gets the largest outreach to the school. Intergenerational. Famous musicians. At the Laura Center for the Arts YES looking for \$500 make it \$400

Choral Concerts Choral Art Society

Performs in Scituate YES

Music Therapy for Kids with Special Needs

YES

Candlelight Concerts

Funded in the past. Maybe forgo them to give Mr. Richter more money. According to Robin they have been hard to chase up. Asking for \$500. Free series. NO.

Water Watch Lecture Series - South Shore Science Center

YES take down to \$400

Arts Exploration: Creating Connections - Scituate Arts Association

Asking \$600 and they want the CC to fund 75% of it. Maybe fund a partial amount. Stipend for a guest artist? Robin recusing herself because she's on the board.

\$400

Choral Music - Bill Richter

YES Need to discuss money.

Pilgrim is the largest and most well attended chorus on the south shore. Utilize the performing arts center for what it's been built for. Choral director since 1983.

High School will reduce the fees for them to perform in the performing arts center. Get give them \$792.67

Total with Fuller Craft \$6250 - we need to cut \$1,000.

A break down of what we ended up funding and not funding:

Project Title	Applicant ID	Amount Req.	Funded
Your Neighborhood Fireflies	21969	\$150	\$150
SENSEation Days	22304	\$250	\$150
Water - N.E. Next Big Challenge	22746	\$250	NO
South Shore Children's Chorus	27965	\$250	NO
South Shore Perspectives	24485	\$300	\$200
Drumming at the Library	24983	\$300	\$300
Henry the Juggler	25318	\$425	NO
64th Annual Arts Festival	23682	\$450	\$450
Summer Band Concerts	19653	\$500	\$500
43rd Annual Arts Festival	19815	\$500	\$500
2018-2019 Concert Season	20505	\$500	\$400
Choral Concerts	23679	\$500	\$500
Music Therapy for Children	23806	\$500	\$500
Candlelight Concerts	25873	\$500	NO
Water Watch Lecture Series	26830	\$500	\$400
Arts Exploration	24768	\$600	\$400
Elijah T. Grasshopper and Friends	28361	\$600	NO
Choral Music, 2018-19 Season	25108	\$1200	\$792.67

Need to send out the "no" letters. Stacie will use the boiler plate no later. Then have to wait for 15 days before we can send out the "Yes" letters.

Letters sent via email.

Robin needs to know the date the no and yes letters went out for the annual report.

Press releases should go out to announce the people we have granted the money to.

MCC - let's ask if they can do hyperlinks on the application documents.