

Scituate Cultural Council

Winter Meeting

January 4, 2024

Members present: Dan Fogarty, Susan Gallagher, Tracey Kelly (via zoom), Michele McGrath (via zoom), Janice Murphy, Brenda O'Brien, Betty Tufankjian

Members not present: Christine Becker, Terry Boyle, George Humphrey

Meeting called to order at 7:06

Minutes from November 2, 2023, meeting approved and seconded.

Discussion of Scituate High School student Council members (non-voting)

Brenda shared her efforts connecting with the two Scituate High School students who expressed interest in participating and becoming members of the Council. They had coffee in November, and Brenda explained the SCC, the grant process, and our calendar. Brenda asked them for ideas on collaboration (taking event photos, helping with social media, identifying other local individuals/organizations that might benefit from SCC funding, etc.). An invitation to attend a funded event was offered to them and followed up with additional email and communications. Nothing has been heard from them. Brenda will reach out to Jamele Adams, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to follow up on these students and to better understand community service requirements.

Michele will reach out to another high school student to see if there is interest to work with the Council as it appears the above-mentioned students are not coming on board.

Other issues

Two key issues were identified: recruitment of new board members and "marketing" of the SCC to reach more individuals/organizations that might benefit from applying for grants. It was agreed that the number of SCC members is more of an issue, as we always have plenty applicants.

There will be four vacant board positions effective June 2024. George, Janice, Michele and Tracey are all due to come off, having each served six years. June is time frame for residents applying to committees. All agreed that this is priority.

A discussion of how to get the word out about vacancies came up. Currently Council openings are posted on Town website and included in Town communications to residents. After discussion of other possible paths to get the word out, all agreed that a flyer (designed by Sue and Sue's graphic design daughter) could be posted on social media, posted around town, and left at the library and some local businesses. Sue will work on wording and send a rough copy in approximately two weeks.

Michele will update and post on Scituate Monthly (after flyer is completed to ensure consistent messaging) information about what SCC mission is and provide the public with application

dates. We also discussed the idea of sharing our mission with other town organizations so more people understand what the SCC does, and possibly the Harbor Cultural District and various Scituate Harbor business groups. All agreed we would like to increase visibility and awareness of the SCC.

Treasurer's Report submitted by Dan.

FY2023 Pending Reimbursements (\$1800) – These have not yet been received from organizations:

- Pinewoods Camp - \$300
- North River Arts Society - \$500 (They say paperwork sent prior to Christmas)
- Scituate Sister City Project - \$500 (Paperwork sent today.)
- Talking Information Center - \$500

FY2024 Grants Awardees have been notified and MCC financial reports submitted.

Balance for Administrative needs: \$377.52

Misc.

Brenda and Janice received request from Town for Annual Town Report to be submitted by Feb. 15, 2024. George has been submitting in the past, and Brenda will update, send to council for review and submit for FY 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey T. Kelly