

HUBBARDSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2021

MEETING BEGAN AT: 7:10 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:14 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:

Bill Shea, Chairman

Sara Lyon, Member

Sarah McMaster, Member

Donna Shea, Secretary

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Engle, Treasurer

START OF THE MEETING: Bill, our Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:10 and read a mandatory statement from Governor Baker's office regarding the Open Meeting Law and remote meeting guidelines put in place in March of 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We then talked about our treasurer, Lori, who, along with her husband, recently suffered through the tragic loss of their home and belongings in a house fire. Very sad news for all concerned.

We then moved on to our agenda.

AGENDA: 1. Approval of the minutes of the zoom meeting held February 4, 2021.

2. Review and an update from our treasurer on the voting meeting worksheet and progress on the Annual Report for the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

3. Continuation of review and final selections of all grant applications for FY 2021.

4. New/Old business

OPEN ISSUES:

The February 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved.

There was no treasurer's report due to Lori not being available.

There were 17 grant applications for final review. After careful consideration of the demographics and the merits of each applicant's event/demonstration, the Council denied 5 applications and voted to approve 12. In the end, we were able to fully fund 6 applicants, partially fund 3 and happily overfund 3 for a total of \$5963. Therefore, all grant money was allocated.

In keeping with the Grant Cycle Timeline, denial emails will be sent out as early as February 15 and we will need to wait the required 15 days in case we receive any reconsideration requests. We can then send out the approvals.

Also, Bill was going to find out the dates for the Hubbardston Fair as well as Field Day so we could urge some of the grantees to perform at either of those events. We discussed the need to stress to the grantees the importance of informing the HCC in advance of when they would be performing so we can help promote their event and possibly attend.

The old business discussed dealt with the grants from last year that have not yet occurred. We have been updated on some of those.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Donna Shea, Secretary HCC