

HUBBARDSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2019

MEETING BEGAN AT: 6:40

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:05

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Engle

Sara Lyon

Bill Shea

Donna Shea

START OF THE MEETING: Bill, our chairman, opened the meeting at 6:40 and we proceeded to review the agenda items.

AGENDA:

Review and approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 3, 2019

Feedback from the April 18th Golden Oldies event, funded by the HCC and held at the Senior Center

Discussion of Town Open House, June 4th between 5:30 and 6:45, for committees, councils and departments which is held before the town meeting

Updates on events HCC sponsored in conjunction with the library namely the Wizards Workshop and the Caterpillar Lab

Update on preparations for the upcoming Hubbardston Fair including posters, postcards, reader board and member's responsibilities

Financial report by our Treasurer, Lori Engle

OPEN ISSUES: :

Minutes of previous meeting: Members reviewed and approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on April 3rd, 2019

Golden Oldies feedback: Both Lori and Donna attended the HCC sponsored event on April 18th at the Senior Center. Both agreed that Denis and Ronnie Cormier were very entertaining as they sang many oldies from the 50s and 60s and provided a lot of laughs with their back and forth banter. Everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy their routine; however, it was noted that the attendance was small (no more than 20 or so) even though it had been advertised. Another venue, possibly Hubbardston House which has a captive audience, may be a better venue if they were to apply for a grant in the future. All in all, we felt it was worth the money granted to the Cormiers. Sara is putting together pictures from this event and other events that we funded to put on Facebook.

Town Open House: We discussed our plans for our display at the Open House. We have had a special poster created to use here and at other events to advertise for new members to the HCC. We also ordered postcard handouts explaining our mission in an attempt to recruit new members and alternates. Bill will be attending and possibly Sara and/or Lori.

Updates on sponsored events: Bill has had multiple email conversations with Chris Barbera, interim director of the library, regarding the Wizards Workshop attempting to coordinate a date for that event. The fact that the library roof is being replaced could be the reason that there is no specific date set as yet for the workshop. Also, the Caterpillar Lab may take place at Field Day at the Rec Field. Bill has spoken to Betsy Heron one of the Green Sisters who will perform at Field Day. He mentioned to her that the HCC may be able to initiate a Summer Concert Series next year. We may have four of our sponsored events taking place at Field Day to include a blacksmith demonstration and potter's wheel demonstration. We will also be in touch with the grantees to remind them that they should have signage at Field Day crediting the HCC for part or all of their grant money. Donna will get some copies of Uniquely Quabbin Magazine for our own use.

Hubbardston Fair preparations update: We discussed our plans for the Fair being held at the Rec Field on June 22nd and what our individual responsibilities for the day are. We decided not to have a raffle as we did last year and that our main goal will be to recruit new members and alternates. Sara is setting up a continuous feed on her laptop of pictures from previous events that we have sponsored to be shown during the Fair to further emphasize what our mission is.

Lori's Financial Report: Lori presented copies of her updated financial report explaining our funds both encumbered and unencumbered. She is keeping track of the grantee payouts and any member reimbursements.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 and it was decided that we would not plan another meeting until after the Hubbardston Fair in June.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Donna Shea, Secretary HCC