



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

MEETING MINUTES CULTURAL COUNCIL Monday, August 12, 2019 12:00 noon-2 pm – 61 Buffington Hill Rd.

Present: Marcia Coling, Vati Sreiberg, Peggy Klineman, Joel Dundorf

The group requested that all council members inform the group as far in advance as possible if they will be unable to attend scheduled meetings.

Welcome new members

We welcomed Joel Dundorf in person and Zoe Spring in absentia

Planning community assessment

We discussed the draft Talking Points, which the group approved. Molly Smith sent an e-mail which Marcia received after the meeting. In it, she suggested pulling out more detail for the final draft to send out to the community and listing some of the events that got Cultural Council funding, so that people can understand the diversity of the programs and how the dollars are actually spent. What do the rest of you think about these ideas?

At our previous meeting we had talked about giving out sheets of paper for people to write their comments or suggestions on after our presentations to the various community groups. At this meeting, Peggy suggested we provide actual questions, and the group agreed this was a better idea. A draft of the questions we came up with is attached separately. We need to provide feedback ASAP so that we can be prepared to start presenting once we have completed the new grant cycle.

Publicizing our grantees and their projects

We discussed the kind of event we were interested in sponsoring: a reception/pot luck/picnic for past grant recipients and community members who might be interested in submitting proposals for future

grants. In order to do this, all members of the Cultural Council would have to commit to show up, bring a food/beverage contribution, help set up and clean up.

We discussed possible venues: Worthington Historical Society is the best match for our needs. Vati will check on cost and availability.

We discussed our preferred time frame: There was much discussion about fall (right after Labor Day) versus spring. The argument for fall was that grantees could present about how their project went, since most of them would be completed by then. Also, those interested in submitting proposals for the new grant cycle would still have time to do so while it was fresh in their minds. Those who needed more time to think about a project could submit the following year. The group selected a target date of mid-September due to conflicts in some members' schedules earlier in the month.

Marcia requested a budget from the committee (Vati and Peggy) so that she could plan appropriately for completing parts 1 & 2 of the Annual Report for the Mass Cultural Council prior to the voting meeting.

Other business

There was no new business, other than to select the next meeting date. Since Molly is now working on Mondays and we did not know the rest of her schedule, we selected Sunday, October 27 as our next meeting date. This would be the annual voting meeting at which we would decide which proposals to fund.

Cultural Council Chair

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