

Malden Cultural Council Minutes 1/14/2020

Location: Malden Senior Center Craft Room

Attendees: Martha Bezzat, Erga Pierrette, Anthony Britt, Glady Thomas, Debbie Wallis, Ose Schwab

Co-Chair Update

Letters were sent out to grantees. There is now a Cultural Council liaison for every grantee, so everyone should check the list and we should each respond/reach out if needed if a grantee has questions, etc. Debbie will guide us on what to say.

The annual report has been done by Debbie.

Annie formally resigned through an email to the City.

It was recommended that we should be reading the emails that come from the Mass Cultural Council to be aware of what other Councils are doing, to get ideas, etc.

We discussed having funding/grant writing workshops to help grant applicants find other sources of funding, example artist-in-residence grants. One idea was to combine an April reception with a funding workshop so grantees can share stories and collaborate.

We need to update our local priorities list.

We will do a doodle poll in June about the November 2020 meeting dates.

Secretary Update

Martha is working on past minutes and learning the uploading process that needs to be done with the City's website. There were some meetings scheduled that weren't cancelled and she will update those.

PR Update

Anthony attended the Malden Reads event (opening celebration) and will work on newsletter and post photos.

Treasurer Update: Grantee Requests/Issues from Grants 2018-2019

Stacy at the Malden Public Library requested a late reimbursement for her grant (add grant #) as she was ill, so that was allowed.

Barbara Murphy did not hold her Unplugged event (add grant #) on the bike path, for \$500 from last year, so that money gets returned to the Cultural Council funds.

Jodie Zalk of Malden Reads requested an extension of her grant #24248 until May 29, 2020 due to a combination of reasons with the speakers and scheduling. Debbie had communicated to all grantees prior (emails in October and November 2019) about the rules around requesting an extension and their request came late. The grant was also being altered slightly to include another speaker at a later date. A motion was made by Debbie to give them until May 1, 2020 with a reminder about programming guidelines as they are a repeat grantee. Gladys seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Debbie motioned to adjourn at 8:28 pm, Erga seconded.