

**Amesbury Cultural Council (ACC) Meeting**  
Amesbury Health Center  
**December 2, 2013, 7:00 pm**

**Members In Attendance:** David Andrews, John Grant, Leah Hill, Rachel Kohn, Bob LaPlante, Carley Monell, Bryan Riley and Steve Robinson

**Treasurer's Report**

**Grant Vouchers:**

- \$250 paid to Mary McDonough, Author/Illustrator at School
- Grant voucher received from Newburyport Literary Festival without the required supporting documentation. Bob sent them a note on November 17 requesting that they submit the documentation stipulated in the grant approval letter.

**Studio Tour payments from the Gift/Donations Account:**

- B&H Enterprises paid \$2,300.00 for Studio Tour trolley rental. \$200.00 down payment previously reimbursed to Leah on 09/05/13.
- Carley reimbursed \$173.78 for Studio Tour lawn signs and stands.

**MCC Annual Report:**

Prepared and submitted Section 2 of the Annual Report. Calculated the amount available for granting in FY 2014: \$5,651.00

**Studio Tour**

General feedback for the Studio Tour has been overwhelmingly positive. The Council will put out an official follow-up survey to solicit feedback.

Council members will send official thank you letters for those who donated items for the raffle and will also write a letter to the *Newburyport Daily News* thanking everyone involved with the tour.

Carley motioned to pay \$711.00 for studio tour brochure; David seconded it; unanimous approval.

Rachel motioned to pay \$144.00 for the directional signs; Carley seconded it; unanimous approval.

**Miscellaneous**

Ann Johnson took pieces from the Chain Bridge collection for a display on local history at Amesbury High School.

Workspace 36 is a possible place to have Cultural Council meetings. Carley will reach out and find out if that is possible.

## **Grants Scoring**

Council members discussed and scored each of the 16 grant and 2 field trip proposals submitted. Council members having a personal connection with a proposal abstained from scoring that application. Bob abstained from all proposals related to the Amesbury Public Library and Leah abstained from those related to the Town of Salisbury. The scores were then recorded and tallied.

The Council had \$5651.00 in grant money to disburse. The Council proposed to deny funding to the 4 lowest scoring grant applications. All other grant proposals would receive full funding. The Council also proposed to deny funding to the lower scoring field trip application. The other field trip proposal would receive 60% of the amount requested. Rachel motioned to accept this proposal; David seconded it; unanimous approval.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. Meeting location TBD.

Leah motioned to adjourn the meeting; Carley seconded it; unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Robinson