

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting Minutes 1/14/2010

Attending:

Rachel, Su, Marc, Bob, Renee, Pam

Agenda and actions:

1. Approval of December mtg minutes

Approved the December meeting minutes; the 2 meetings we had in December focused on discussing and ranking the 23 grant applications and deciding which to approve and how much money to provide for each that we approved.

2. Treasurer's report

As of close of 2009, we have only 3 grant recipients from the previous year who have not submitted vouchers/receipts.

- Amesbury intern program (grant for art intern for Amesbury public schools) -- \$500
- Gary Jackson, flute and guitar performance -- \$250
- Green Artists League, haiku in various locales in Amesbury -- \$300 (Note: This artist contacted Su requesting an extension, which we voted tonight to approve.)

Per item 5 below, we have only 2 projects that did not submit vouchers prior to deadline that were not given an extension, leaving a \$750 balance to apply toward our 2010 grants award process.

3. Holiday get together reschedule

Rescheduled our snowed-out holiday get together to Sunday Jan 24 at 4PM at the Ale House.

4. LCC 2010 Statewide Assembly

Su will be attending this event at the State House on Feb 10. Info at <https://www.mass-culture.org/event.asp>. Marc is also considering attending. (This mtg was rescheduled due to weather).

5. Vote on Green Artists League extension

Su reported that Green Artists League had requested an extension and why. Group discussion. Vote was unanimous to approve the extension request. Su will inform GAL.

6. Follow up on Grants/Tour

Grants -- Renee reported that all approval and rejection letters have been sent. Renee is in the process of sending Bob a copy of all approval letters, which he will print for his treasurer records and will forward electronically to Town Hall for their records. Renee plans on saving a copy of the letters to CD to be kept in our Cultural Council binder.

Note that of the \$8027 we had available to grant (\$4610 from MA Cultural Council allocation for Amesbury for 2009 and \$3417 left over from MA Cultural Council's allocation to Amesbury from previous year that we did not grant in 2008) we granted the total amount - \$8027 for the 2009 grant submissions. Only 3 of the 23 grant applications were not approved for some level of funding. All grant approval and rejection decisions and follow-up letters were done on time per MA Cultural Council scheduling.

Tour -- Discussion and decision to begin last year's Open Studios Tour debrief and discuss ideas for the next Open Studios Tour in the March and/or April meeting. Many suggestions and feedback items have already been discussed and submitted to Su.

7. Other business

-- Marc had discussion with Crafter's Quarter's regarding the Amesbury First group and the group's desire to have a town-wide event focused on sustainable/green energy and shopping locally, this would be a separate event from the downtown business fair. How could we help?

-- Our Web page, both our [CC page on the new Amesbury town web site](#) and our [Amesbury page on the MA Cultural Council web site](#), need to be enhanced.

Web site subcommittee to meet at Marc's on Monday Jan 25 at 7 PM.

Discussion of areas to address include linking to related sites for further information and posting CC events (events we've granted, events of cultural interest, etc) to the calendar to better communicate area events. Note that the calendar link on our page now opens the [town's master calendar](#) now, not just a calendar specific to CC events,

Note that the grant award letters request that the talent inform the Amesbury Cultural Council when they are holding the event so we post it on our calendar. Some dates are included in the application - for example Ruth Harcovitz at the Senior center on Feb 12 and Renee's art show May 15-17.

CC page on Amesbury web site -- <http://www.amesburyma.gov/government.cfm?subpage=212701>
Amesbury master calendar page -- http://www.amesburyma.gov/calendar_events.cfm
Amesbury CC page on MA Cultural Council web site -- <https://www.mass-culture.org/Amesbury>

NOTE: Amesbury's new town Web site main page is <http://www.amesburyma.gov/> -- There does NOT appear to be a "redirect" in place from the previous town Web site page links to the new ones. For example, the [Amesbury CC link on our MA Cultural Council page](#) (here <https://www.mass-culture.org/Amesbury>) is now broken as it uses the old <http://www.ci.amesbury.ma.us/home.nfs?a=amesbury&s=special&group=59> link...

Meeting ended at 8 PM.