



Amesbury Cultural Council

**14 Cedar Street
December 10, 2019**

Members present: Kate Currie (KC) – Co-Chair, Shannon Carroll (SC) – Co-Chair, Cheryl Desjardin (CD), Caitlin Thayer (CT) – Treasurer, Delia Rinaldi (DR), Bonnie Brady (BB), Louisa Wilson (LW) – Secretary
Non-voting attendees: Courtney Jordan (CJ), Marjorie Jennings (MJ)

I. Call to Order at 7:01pm (SC)

Introductions: Marjorie Jennings, who is interested in learning more about the Council

II. Secretary's Minutes (11/12/19)

CD made motion to approve. DR seconded. Unanimous.

III. Treasurer's Report (CT)

The Council has two ledger accounts at City Hall:

- 1) State money for grants (includes rollover money, so our current total is \$12,208).
 - 2) Gift account: sponsorships, all other money (\$16,620, which is about \$10k more than what we thought)
- This will be CT's last meeting on the Cultural Council. CT will train the next Treasurer and work through the grant process to make sure reporting is done.
Two 2019 grants have not yet been reimbursed.

IV. Grant Voting & Allocation

BB recusing herself from voting on Carriage Museum applications.

KC recusing herself from voting on Library applications.

%5 of the \$9,000 given by the state can be used for administrative use. The Council votes to grant it out this year.

Not-funded

- Reading Bug Portable Library – This is an applicant we could coach to put together a better plan or fold him into another grant process.
- Walking the Way Today
- Hijos de Borinquen Lowell Puerto Rican Cultural Festival
- Equipment Upgrade for Byfield Community Arts Center

Partially-funded

- Amesbury Chamber of Commerce – PowWow! Series – piano tuning only (\$500). Grant will require a plaque on the piano recognizing the ACC.
- Beatles and Beyond - \$418

Fully-funded

- Helping Hands Ticket Voucher Program (Firehouse Center for the Arts)
- Amesbury Family Day (Amesbury Carriage Museum)

- Jumpin' Juba concert at the Amesbury Council on Aging
- Newbury Documentary Film Festival
- A Celtic Celebration: Performance for Seniors
- Outdoor Sculpture at Maudslay 2020
- Salisbury Art Stroll
- Small Acts of Art
- Women of '76
- African Dance and Music at Kid's Day in the Park
- Stalling Hate
- Nappy's Puppets
- Aperture on Amesbury (Amesbury Carriage Museum)
- Mom's WWII Letters
- NCS Spring Concert 2020: Elijah
- Amesbury Community Theatre Studio Renovations – require some recognition
- Newburyport Chamber Music Summer Festival
- Hop Hop Around the World
- 17th annual a cappella night (Pentucket Arts Foundation)
- Amesbury Vintage Car Exhibit (Amesbury Carriage Museum)

Council liaisons will be assigned to each grant recipient at the January 2020 meeting.

KC and SC will send out denial letters 12/11. Denials have 15 days to come back and challenge the decision. After 15 days, ACC will send out the acceptance/partial letters, in conjunction with the annual report, which needs to be submitted by January 15 (around Dec 30).

V. New Business for 1/14/20 meeting

SC will send out another round of emails to people interested in the Council. We need 5 voting members to keep getting funding from the state.

Susan Wagner is applying for membership. LW has expressed interest in co-chair position.

Nominations and voting on officer positions.

Discuss change in meeting day/time.

ACC needs to pick a date for an off-site meeting/retreat

Discuss grant reception: date, location

VI. Adjourn

LW made motion to adjourn at 8:29pm. BB seconded. Unanimous.