

MINUTES
HARVARD CULTURAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Lucy Clerkin at 6:21pm.

Members present: Jeff Boudreau, Anne Butterfield, Lucy Clerkin, Faith Cross, Roxanne Daleo, Rich Marcello, and David McLellan.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 29, 2018 meeting were approved with the corrections noted. Butterfield will file with the town. Boudreau will amend the April minutes to remove the phrase “we could do better next year” in relation to the reception for grantees.

Treasurer’s Report: McLellan distributed the treasurer’s report (attached here). He covered the operational tasks, the annual report which will be submitted before the October 15 deadline, and grant information for FY 2018. Of the \$4,500 in grants made, \$2,220 has been reimbursed, leaving \$2,300 remaining. The FY 2019 amount available from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) will be \$4,700.

McLellan reminded the members that the access code to the Harvard pages on the MCC website is: HARVARD and reminded the members of the passcode.

Next Meeting: Members agreed that the next meeting will be at 6:00pm November 1, 2018. Members will have read all the submitted applications by then and be ready to discuss and vote.

New Business: Discussion centered around two topics. Cross suggested that many artists in town were unaware of the Harvard Cultural Council funding availability and further suggested a reporter at the Harvard Press would be interested in doing a story. There was general approval by the rest of the members.

Marcello suggested that there might be ways to increase the amount of funds the Council could disburse. Ideas included a match from the town. Boudreau stepped out to inform McLellan who had moved to the town's All Boards meeting who agreed to ask for such a line item in the next town budget which will be presented to the town residents at the Annual Town Meeting in October.

Marcello also suggested a crowdsourcing campaign which was also met with general approval by the committee. Boudreau agreed to create a Facebook page for the Council and include a mechanism for gifts.

After much enthusiastic discussion around both topics, it was agreed that 1) the fall priority will be to make sure the grant cycle is completed in a timely manner and that all applicants are informed of decisions before the end of the year, and that 2) the Council will meet in January. The topics for that meeting will be a) broader publicity to local artists and other eligible applicants; b) a fundraising plan; and c) the grantees reception to be help in early spring.

In other new business, Clerkin reminded the committee that the triennial community survey will happen in spring of 2019. Cross agreed to initiate the HCC's input and Daleo agreed to send her information from the last survey.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Butterfield