

Minutes: HCC Meeting – June 9th, 2016

HPL

In attendance: Alice Bartram, Debra VanderWerf, Edie Joyce, Catina Hayden

Reviewed Worcester Chamber music society's request to break grant into 2 performances and move 2nd location. Group voted to approve the change.

In Reviewed community input survey (see below for full results). Clear input on programs for teens & seniors. Performances also rated highly. Brainstormed program ideas to reach teens & other new audiences.

Debra offered to reach out to the respondents who expressed interest in joining.

Meeting adjourned

Harvard Cultural Council - Community Input Survey 2016 Results

Via Survey Monkey from May 9-27, 2016

67 Responses

1. Are you aware of the Harvard Cultural Council?(67 responses)- 62.69% Yes, 37.31% No
2. Are you aware that each October individual artists, non-profit organizations, and community groups can apply for grants from the Harvard Cultural Council to fund programs for the following calendar year? (67 responses)- 46.27% Yes, 53.73% No
3. Which cultural programs/events in our community have you attended and enjoyed? (Please list names of events or types of events, ie. 4th of July Parade, Music at Fruitlands, Workshops at the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, etc...) (56 responses)-
 - 4th of July Parade
 - 4th of July Parade; Historical Society's various programs, tree lighting on Common
 - Music at Fruitlands Harvard Pro Musica First Parish Concerts
 - July 4 parade, Music @ Fruitlands, Harvard Pro Musica concerts,
 - Library programs (but I am the children's librarian! :)
 - I don't live in Harvard, so I don't get to other cultural events in Harvard...
 - am a singer and have given programs for senior citizens
 - Workshops at the VTHG
 - High School/Middle School Drama Performances
 - Fruitlands events
 - 4th of July parade
 - Historical Society presentations
 - Performances at the General Store
 - Music at Fruitlands
 - Plein Air Poetry at Old Frog Pond Farm
 - Art project in neighboring towns
 - Worcester chamber music society concerts

- Apple Festival, Storytelling on the common, Music at Fruitlands, programs at the library
- 4th of July. Shakespeare in the Park
- All of the above.
- 4th of July Parade, Fruitlands public events, Messiah sing, School plays/musicals
- 4th of July Parade
- 4th of July Parade and Music at Fruitlands. However I didn't realize they were run by the HCC.
- Spring and fall apple events, July 4, etc.
- 4th of July
- apple blossom festival, 4th of July, werner lectures, movies at the library, school plays and concerts
- 4th of July Parade
- music at fruitlands
- 4th of July, music at Fruitlands, concerts at the UU, Discovery Museums, Worc Chamber concerts
- 4th of July, concerts at Volunteers Hall, staged readings at Volunteers Hall, readings at Fruitlands, Stone Girl at the General, Bromfield and HES plays and concerts, Historical Society house tours, lectures and cemetery walk
- lectures, Worcester chamber music
- Art exhibits at the old library, Fruitlands events prior to change in ownership, cemetery tour and reenactment
- 4th of July festivities, Apple Blossom Festival, HFA Halloween Parade, HFA Egg Hunt, story time at the library, movie night at the library
- July 4 Parade, Fruitlands concerts & lectures
- 4th of July,celebration, flea Market, fall festival
- 4th of July parade, music at Fruitlands, programs at the Harvard Historical Society music concerts, art exhibits, workshops, films, parades, etc.
- 4th of July, music at Fruitlands
- music at Fruitlands Presentations and performances at Hildreth House
- Library concert series, pub night at the General
- 4th of July parade, fruitland, historical society event
- 4th of July
- July 4th, Warner Free Lecture Series, Fresh Ink
- 4th of July, Fruitlands
- 4th of July parade (not sure what others there are?)
- Mostly school events and program, plus Fourth of July. Do all of the various events qualify as "cultural programs/events"? FallFest has performances. Does this apply? Harvard Historical Society events?
- 4th of July Parade Music at Fruitlands
- 4th of July events, elementary-school theater, Fanfare music concerts, high-school theater, Halloween kids' parade and trick-or-treating
- 4th of July Parade
- 4th of July
- 4th of July Parade
- July 4th Parade, Warner Free lectures at HPL, Fruitlands Concerts

4. What types of programming would you like to see more of in Harvard? (Check or list all that interest you and/or your family) (61 responses)

- Performances: Dance, Film, Music 63.93%
- Community-Wide Gatherings 57.38%
- Local History and Preservation 55.74%
- Nature/Science/Environmental Education 52.46%
- Arts Education 40.98%
- Field Trips/Outings to cultural venues and events 19.67%,

5. Is there a particular population segment in town that you feel is underserved and would benefit from additional funding of cultural projects? (42 responses)

- Teens 42.86%
- Seniors 38.10%
- Adults 26.19%
- Families 21.43%
- Single Adults 21.43%
- Disabilities 19.05%
- Children 14.29%

6. Do you think it is important for the Harvard Cultural Council to fund regional events in addition to local events? (61 responses)

- Fund Local Projects Only 60.66%
- Fund regional projects, in addition to local projects 39.34%

7. Other Comments or Suggestions- (10 responses)

- Indian Hills is very successful, but has many full-time staff, including a fund-raising Board and development staff. Funding regional groups can be good, but Indian Hill doesn't need our very limited funds as much as other local groups do (even for Bach's lunch).
- The HCC does a terrific job - thank you!
- fund more musical programs for seniors
- Are Residents aware of where HCC events are posted? Does the council market the events they support?
- Thanks for your service to the community
- Due to limited amounts of LCC funds available for distribution, a smaller amount than requested may be awarded, allowing the monies to reach more applicants.
- I'm not that familiar with your group, so it's a bit difficult for me to answer some of the questions.
- Probably good to be involved in regional sometimes. Maybe 1x per year or every other year.
- Heard the fall festival is not happening anymore there will be a void. fund projects that bring quality performances to Harvard
- What is the HCC mission? How does it fit with all of the other cultural identities in Harvard (HHS, Fruitlands, HPS, Superstar Prodns, independent festivals)?

8. The Harvard Cultural Council is actively seeking new members. We ask a very reasonable commitment of approx. 20 hours of your time per year, across 4-6 meetings. If you are interested or would like more information, please provide your email address. (4 responses)

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