

South Hadley Cultural Council

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Present: Paul Lambert, John Anz, Ira Brezinsky, Mary Anne Myers, Dick Matteson, Caroline Martin, Joy Jarne, Leo LaBonte (guest)

1. Approval of Minutes from April 24th meeting
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report: (see page following)  
Regarding Gaylord Memorial Seed Library grant: Need clarification from Marie Rohan whether she wants an extension to next year or if another person can spend the grant this year. If no one accepts the grant, the funds will be added to MCC's allocation and reallocated next year.  
  
Dick Matteson clarified that there is no deadline for a grantee to submit initial paperwork, but without it they will not get the grant funds. Six 2023 grantees have yet to submit paperwork. Any money not paid out for the 2023 grant year will be added to the MCC allocation for 2024 and granted next year.
3. Events to promote: June 17 Community Band Concert at 3:00 pm (Based on the weather forecast, the event will now be indoors at South Hadley High School Auditorium, 153 Newton St.). Paul also mentioned the free Juneteenth Concert by the Springfield Symphony at 3:00 pm on June 19.
4. Update on Showcase South Hadley–October 7-9, 2023 (Schools may start on October 6): Laudable Productions working on graphics, marketing, searching for headliner, and scheduling acts that have signed on. A "Save the Date" notice will be sent in June. Donors and sponsors will be solicited.
5. The Community Survey was approved, with plans to distribute through Council on Aging, schools, Library, Historical Society, Select Board, and social media.
6. Fall reception will showcase grantees while inviting prospective applicants. The webinar from two years ago will be updated and available, but the focus will be celebration. Ira will ask about scheduling the reception at the Senior Center prior to a 7:00 pm Select Board meeting, possibly on September 19 at 5:30.
7. 2024 Leadership: John Anz, current vice chair and prospective chair, reported that the following members were willing to continue in their roles for the new fiscal year beginning July 1: Ira Brezinsky (treasurer), Mary Anne Myers (secretary), Alex Ripp (grants manager) and Jen Ducharme (publicity). With no other volunteers to take a leadership role, a motion was made, seconded, and

passed to approve the slate with John as chair and others continuing in their roles..

The date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday, June 20 at 5:30 pm, later amended to 5 pm at 45 Ashton Lane, South Hadley.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Myers  
June 16, 2023

South Hadley Cultural Council  
Treasurer's Report  
5/23/23

**Prior Balance as of March 21, 2023**

Local Fund	\$5,132.50
Grant Fund	(\$11,505.00)
Total Funds	(\$6,372.50)

**Activity from 3/22/23-5/23/23**

Grant Awards Dispersed	(\$2,750.00)
MCC Grant Funds Received	\$17,300.00
March Accrued Interest	\$1.84
April Accrued Interest	\$2.06

**New Balance as of May 23, 2023**

Local Fund	\$5,136.40
Grant Fund	<u>\$3,045.00</u>
Total Funds	\$8,181.40

Grants Dispersed Detail:

DIANA ALVAREZ	\$600.00
LEO P. LABONTE	\$150.00
KATHLEEN O'CONNOR	\$350.00
ARCADIA PLAYERS	\$500.00
DAVID NEILL	\$350.00
RICHARD P. PLASSE	\$200.00
SOUTH HADLEY FAMILY CENTER	\$600.00
<b>Total Dispersed 3/22/23-5/23/23</b>	<b>\$2,750.00</b>

Remaining grants to be dispersed once paperwork has been received:

Arts Extension Service \$750  
 Cat Milo Keatinge Bezark \$500  
 Silverthorne Theater Company \$600  
 Roger Tincknell \$275  
 Valley Arts Mentors \$500  
Matt York \$300  
 Total \$2,925\*\*

\*\*Note: We received an email on May 4 from Marie Rohan (Gaylord Memorial Seed Library and Children's Garden) that they would not be completing their project and therefore not taking their \$120 grant. Unless these funds are deferred to be used next year or repurposed to another project, the funds should be voted to be added to the Local Fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Ira Brezinsky