



**South Hadley Cultural Council**

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June 20, 2022

Present:

Officers: Paul Lambert, chair. John Anz, co-chair. Dick Matteson, treasurer. Rebecca Slitt, secretary.

Members: Alexis Allen, Jen Ducharme, Caroline Martin, Alex Ripp

Called to order 5:01 PM

1. Approval of minutes from May

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. The funds from the Commonwealth have finally been sent! Soon our bank account will no longer technically be negative.
- b. FY2022 Grant Cycle Update: Only one set of forms is still outstanding!

3. Update from ARPA subcommittee

- a. At the June 7 meeting, the Selectboard voted to allocate an additional \$20,000 in ARPA funds for the arts festival to be held in March/April 2023. This makes a total of \$25,000 in ARPA funds allocated to us. We agree with the Selectboard that this festival can't take over the time that needs to be dedicated to the Council's existing mandate, so some of this money needs to go to hiring a professional consultant who can help run the festival, recruit talent, etc.
- b. Next steps:
  - i. July 5: Subcommittee meeting to work out more details of the event: schedule, venues, activities, etc. The current plan is for the festival to last 10 days: two weekends plus the week in between.
  - ii. July 13: public Zoom meeting to recruit additional volunteers and ideas. Our goal is to have two groups of volunteers: a steering committee to do the planning and organization, and a larger group of volunteers to help out during the event itself. The steering committee will probably include a few SHCC members but, as above, can't be *entirely* SHCC and can't take over SHCC business, so we need to recruit from outside as well.

4. Membership Changes

- a. Alexis Allen and Becky Slitt have completed their terms and are departing. The Council thanks them for their service and camaraderie over the last few years.
- b. John and Paul will talk to the Selectboard to confirm the outcome of recent membership interviews, and to confirm that Caroline can be an official member instead of an associate member.
- c. At the next meeting, the new officers will begin to fulfill their roles.

Adjourned 5:27 PM

Respectfully submitted for the last time, Rebecca Slitt