



South Hadley Cultural Council

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October 13, 2020, 5:00 PM, meeting held online

Present: Officers: Paul Lambert, chair. Scott St. Pierre, vice-chair. Dick Matteson, treasurer. Rebecca Slitt, secretary.

Members: Alexis Allen, John Anz, Ira Brezinsky, Jen Ducharme, Keith Paul, Alexandra Ripp

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Membership

Welcome to new members Jen Ducharme and Alex Ripp! Thanks to departing member Leslie Fields for her service; we'll miss her.

3. Treasurer's Report

- As of Sept. 30, 2020, the SHCC bank balance is \$6667.22. All grant funds for FY2020 were disbursed.
- The annual report is in progress but isn't due for a while

4. Grant Cycle FY20

- South Hadley Chorale requested a change to the way their FY20 grant will be used. They would like to use it to pay stipends to the musical director and accompanist for their Zoom rehearsals/sing-ins. If they can't use it for those purposes, they are willing to return it. They're not requesting a grant for FY21 because they're definitely not having concert during the calendar year 2021.
 - SHCC requested an updated budget from the South Hadley Chorale so that we can get more information on how the grant funds will be used before we make a decision.
- We still haven't heard from the Amherst Survival Center on the status of their grant; Dick is following up with them. All other FY20 grants are accounted for.

5. Update from South Hadley Coalition for Anti-Racism and Equity (CARE)

- In September, the SHCC voted to accept a \$640 donation from SH CARE and match it from our own funds. However, it turns out that the SHCC account can't actually receive that kind of donation. So the full donation is going to the library (who was going to receive the other half of CARE's donation), and the library is going to spend half of the funds on arts and cultural events just as we would have done. Unfortunately, this means that we can't match the funds either, unless the library applies for a grant. Ira will follow up with the library to suggest it.

6. Grant Cycle FY21

- We haven't received very many applications. Ideas for how to get more:
 - a. Facebook (Robin made one post; we can ask him to do more)
 - b. reaching out directly to regular recipients.
 - c. Dick can email school committee to remind them that SHCC funds are available for school events.
 - d. Becky will submit another press release to remind people that deadline is extended to Nov 15, and we are prioritizing online/social-distanced-safe events.
- We're still waiting to hear how much money we're getting from the state for our grant fund for FY21

7. Election of officers through June 30, 2021

Unanimously elected: Chair: Paul Lambert. Vice-Chair: Scott St. Pierre. Secretary: Rebecca Slitt.
Treasurer: Dick Matteson.

Adjourned 6:28 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Slitt