

Milford Cultural Council:

Minutes for December 12th, 2023: MCC Monthly Meeting
Room 14 at Milford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Geri Eddins, Michele Pici, Khizra Syeda, Martin Montoya, CC Chapman, Joclyn Crivello, Christina Weich, Sara Vono-Caires, Sandra Buckley, Jenny Lyons, and Denise Tracy

Absent: Aboighasem Moazeni, Noressa Santomenna

A. Welcome

B. Review and Approve Minutes of 11/21 Meeting

- a. Motion to approve Christina Weich, seconded by Martin Montoya, unanimous vote to approve

C. Invitation to Speak

- a. No guests this meeting

D. Financial Report

- a. Balance: \$1,817.36
- b. Reimbursements and Deposits: Little Free Library, payments to Sandee, Joclyn and Martin
 - i. Waiting for the invoices for: plaques from Martin and books from Denise
- c. Motion to approve by Joclyn Crivello, seconded by Jenny Lyons, unanimous vote to approve

E. Old Business

- a. Final Review of 2023 Grants
 - i. The last Grant funded project will be happening this weekend; the Birch Valley Brass Concert in Uxbridge!
 - ii. There are a couple of final reports that we haven't received yet; the only one that we fully need is about the Post 9/11 Military Monument as they are still in a waiting period and they may not have anything in progress until 2024.
 - 1. Our representative from Massachusetts Cultural Council said that we can either ask for the money back or have them ask for an extension.
 - a. We have heard from Peter that he would like an extension
 - b. Joclyn Crivello moves to approve the extension, Christina Weich seconds, unanimous approval
- b. Public Art Status and Plans

- i. Game Boards and Chess Table: Storage for Game Pieces and Little Free Libraries
 - 1. We are a bit in limbo due to all of the demo and construction that is happening, but we think that the Game Piece Library at Louisa Lake should be up by the end of this year!
- ii. Little Free Art Gallery
 - 1. We haven't had much response from the library but are hoping to hear back soon about if this can be placed in front of the library.
- iii. Downtown Murals: Town Park, Main Street, Pearl Street
 - 1. Town park is currently being demo-ed! We do have a map of what town park will look like once all renovations are done; the outdoor fitness court will be in the middle and the mural is facing the road.
 - a. There was a question about maintenance of the mural and we were told that there is no maintenance! There is an option to reprint the design in ~5 years if needed, but it will have to be paid by the town.
 - i. An idea is to look into having a set amount of money aside to take care of the art. An example of this is with the tables - instead of only supplies maybe we could also give them a stipend for fixing their tables / barrels.
 - 1. A side idea of this is to look into having artwork printed on canvas and then stapling it to the underside of the tables themselves. You could also use panels, vinyl, etc.
 - 2. Nothing to report on the Main Street or Pearl Street murals at this point!
 - c. MCC Projects for 2024 Discussions
 - i. We will do this in our January 2024 Meeting!

F. New Business

- a. **Voting Meeting Part II: Review all applications and vote on how to award grant funds.**
- b. We will discuss everything first! Then we have three options: approve at what they requested, approve at a partial fund, or not approve for funding.
- c. Combating Hate and Prejudice
 - i. Michele Pici moves to fully fund at \$350.00, Martin Montoya seconds; unanimous vote to approve.

- d. Milford Annual Welcome Santa Parade
 - i. Martin Montoya moves to partially fund at \$250.00, Denise Tracy seconds, unanimous vote to approve.
- e. Milford Tree Lighting
 - i. Sandee Buckley moves to partially fund at \$125.00, Denise Tracy seconds, 10 members approve, 1 member abstains
 - ii. Jenny Lyons makes a motion to make the funding \$250, Sandee Buckley seconds; unanimous vote to approve.
- f. Milford 2024 July 4th Parade
 - i. Sara Vono-Caires moves to partially fund at \$1,000.00, Michele Pici seconds, 9 members approve, 2 members abstain
- g. Open Door Connections
 - i. Jenny Lyons moves to fully fund at \$300.00, CC Chapman seconds, unanimous to approve
- h. MYC MAC
 - i. Joclyn Crivello moves to partially fund at \$1,750.00, CC Chapman seconds, unanimous to approve
- i. Anastasia the Musical Milford
 - i. CC Chapman moves to partially fund at \$1,000.00, Martin Montoya seconds; 9 members approve, 1 member abstains, 1 member denies
- j. STEM Week 2024: Sparking STEM Careers Exploration
 - i. Geri Eddins moves to partially fund at \$1,500.00, Denise Tracy seconds; unanimous to approve
 - ii. Jenny Lyons makes a motion to fully fund at \$1,950.00 and take \$7 away from our allocation, Sandee Buckley seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- k. SheGrooves; Using Our Voices for Positive Change
 - i. CC Chapman moves to fully fund at \$500, Jenny Lyons seconds; 8 members approve, 3 members abstain
- l. Library Poetry Tour
 - i. Jenny Lyons moves to partially fund at \$750, CC Chapman seconds, unanimous to approve
- m. Community Culture Night at Symphony 2024
 - i. Christina Weich makes a motion to partially fund at \$750, Joclyn Crivello seconds; not approved
 - ii. Martin Montoya makes a motion to partially fund at \$1,000, Michele Pici seconds; 9 members approve, 1 member abstains, 1 member denies
- n. Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors! - a dance series

- i. Jenny Lyons makes a motion to fully fund at \$500, Sandee Buckley seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- o. Unified Co-Op Art
 - i. Geri Eddins makes a motion to partially fund at \$750, Jenny Lyons seconds, unanimous vote to approve
- p. Vacation Education
 - i. Martin Montoya moves to fully fund at \$260, Denise Tracy seconds; unanimous vote to approve.
- q. Atelier Artists Continuing Education
 - i. Geri Eddins makes a motion to fully fund at \$500, Martin Montoya seconds; unanimous vote to approve.
- r. BVT Holiday/Winter Art Show
 - i. Jenny Lyons makes a motion to fully fund at \$100, Joclyn Crivello seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- s. Reptile Exploration
 - i. Jenny Lyons makes a motion to partially fund at \$500, Christina Weich seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- t. Color Expressions
 - i. Joclyn Crivello makes a motion to partially fund at \$750, Jenny Lyons seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- u. Birch Alley Brass Christmas Concert
 - i. Geri Eddins makes a motion to fully fund at \$300, Martin Montoya seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- v. Catnip Junkies Live!
 - i. Sandee Buckley makes a motion to not fund, Jenny Lyons seconds; unanimous vote to approve.
- w. I am Autistic I am Fantastic - The Musical
 - i. Sandee Buckley makes a motion to not fund, Joclyn Crivello seconds; unanimous vote to approve.
- x. Greater Milford Community Chorus - Spring 2024 Concert
 - i. Geri Eddins moves to fully fund at \$1,000.00, Joclyn Crivello seconds; 9 members approve, 2 members abstain
- y. Painting Seascapes Inspired by Winslow Homer: Maintaining Habitats
 - i. Jenny Lyons makes a motion to fully fund at \$677, Martin Montoya seconds, unanimous vote to approve
- z. Matt York - Songs & Stories: Johnny Cash York
 - i. Joclyn Crivello makes a motion to fully fund at \$500, CC Chapman seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- aa. Engaging Seniors in the Arts with Dementia - Friendly Programming

- i. Michele Pici makes a motion to partially fund at \$300, Martin Montoya seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- bb. I AM...
 - i. Christina Weich makes a motion to not fund, Sara Vono-Caires seconds; unanimous vote to not fund.
- cc. The “Beat Generation” - A Cultural Review of the 1950s Through Music
 - i. Martin Montoya makes a motion to fully fund at \$400 barring on this happening at the senior center, Joclyn Crivello seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- dd. Massachusetts: The Library State
 - i. Sandee Buckley makes a motion to not fund, Joclyn Crivello seconds; 8 members approve, 3 members deny.
- ee. Let’s Get Growing with PlantGuyEric!
 - i. Sara Vono-Caires makes a motion to partially fund at \$250, Christina Weich seconds; unanimous vote to approve.
- ff. CC Chapman makes a motion to not fund the remaining applications, Joclyn Crivello seconds; unanimous vote to approve
- gg. The 2023-24 LiveARTS Concert Series
 - i. No funds left to grant
- hh. Artifact Cochran
 - i. No funds left to grant
- ii. Ms. Moffatt’s Pixie Festival
 - i. No funds left to grant
- jj. Charles River Chorale Organizational Support
 - i. No funds left to grant
- kk. Thimble Pleasures Quilt Show
 - i. No funds left to grant
- ll. Ten Minutes to Showtime Premiere
 - i. No funds left to grant
- mm. Afternoon of Brass #3
 - i. No funds left to grant
- nn. Sevenars 56th Anniversary Season
 - i. No funds left to grant
- oo. Live Art Performing
 - i. Denied due to event being canceled
- pp. Geri Eddins makes a motion to award the amounts listed on the spreadsheet as discussed, Martin Montoya seconds, unanimous vote to approve.

G. Correspondence and Public Comments

- a. Scott Crisafulli is going to talk more to the town about the sign bylaw and Patti has a phone call with Medway Cultural Council to get information about utility boxes.

H. Any Other Business? Next meeting is 12/13 (*only if needed*) and 1/16

- a. 12/13 meeting is not needed! Next meeting is 1/16.
- b. Joclyn Crivello makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Denise Tracy seconds; unanimous to approve