

Milford Cultural Council:

Minutes for June 20th, 2023: MCC Monthly Meeting
Room 14 at Milford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Geri Eddins, Aboighasem Moazeni, CC Chapman, Joclyn Crivello, Sandra Buckley, Khizra Syeda, Noressa Santomenna, Martin Montoya and Sara Vono-Caires

Absent: Jenny Lyons, Michele Pici and Denise Tracy

- A. Welcome and Call to Order
- B. Review and Approve Minutes of May 16th Meeting
 - a. Aboighasem Moazeni makes a motion to approve, Sandra Buckley seconds, unanimous to approve
- C. Invitation to Speak
 - a. Ken Burton (Webster First Federal Credit Union) from Hopkinton came to learn more about Milford and how to step into banking for the immigrant community.
 - i. Giving information about cultural festivals here in Milford and different contacts at the library and at St. Mary's.
- D. Financial Report
 - a. Balance: \$3,394.44
 - b. Reimbursements and Deposits
 - i. \$625 cash deposit
 - ii. \$2500 - Grant Money deposit - waiting for it to be put into the correct account
 - iii. Payment waiting for Paul Rao
 - iv. Reimbursements to Geri Eddins for \$1,483 (celebrate milford) and \$460.67 (supplies) and Sandee Buckley
 - v. Currently waiting on an invoice from the translator from Celebrate Milford
 - vi. Currently waiting for payment to Curry Printing (\$1,800)
 - vii. There are a few open ended questions, but we will get them answered and all of this figured out in the next couple of weeks.
 - c. Sandra Buckley moves to accept the financial report, Martin Montoya seconds, unanimous vote to accept
- E. Old Business
 - a. 2023 Grant Status
 - i. Everything has been paid out! Yay!
 - ii. Celebrate Milford event at Hopkinton Center of the Arts on July 8th

- b. Multicultural Performance Stage and Tent at Celebrate Milford: Review, Canceled Events
 - i. The tent location wasn't as busy as we had hoped, it did impact foot traffic to our location as we were a bit isolated. Hoping next year we can negotiate a better place!
 - ii. It also would be great to have more time; 90 minutes seemed to be a bit short.
 - 1. It was hard to book people when they were only performing for 20 minutes
 - iii. It would be great to start the performances after the start time of the day, maybe start at 11am or 12pm instead?
 - iv. Wind was a bit of a factor for the signs and the clothing!
 - v. Milford TV had to back out due to the rain date, but Martin and Joclyn were able to get great footage of the event!
 - vi. There was an issue with the chairs and communication as some chairs weren't in the right spot, they were used for other aspects of the day, which made it difficult during pack up.
 - vii. There wasn't a microphone dedicated to announcements, which would have been very helpful!
 - viii. Amy Adams' painting was wonderful! She created two paintings, one was based on a family she saw, which she then gave to the family! The other painting, we will hold onto and figure out what to do soon.
 - ix. We should ask for attendance numbers from Celebrate Milford to see how many people attended throughout the day.
 - x. We are going to save the extra coloring books and reading lists for next year.
 - xi. Two things that couldn't happen under the tent were the instrument petting zoo and the Mad Science - maybe we can connect the petting zoo to the library? We did pay Mad Science, so we also may be able to partner with the library as well!
 - xii. For under the tent next year, maybe we can have more interactive things to do with the kids (like dance lessons) to pull in families.
 - xiii. May 18th, 2024 tentatively for next year's Celebrate Milford
- c. Public Art Status and Opportunities
 - i. Portfolio
 - 1. The MetroWest Boston Visitor Bureau reached out to us for more images and we have sent them to be included in their resources!
 - ii. Game Boards and Chess Table

1. People were there all day during Celebrate Milford!
2. The Parks Department's report talks about collaborating with us on this project, which is wonderful.
3. We need to figure out a good way to store game pieces
 - a. Hang some sort of box? Free library for pieces?
- iii. Downtown Mural
 1. Not a lot of progress here, but in the meantime, we are trying to get more information on creating a Call to Artists and the mural process.
 2. Guelmi sent us a list of resources, so we will go through and research out their mural info.
- iv. B2T Tables Status
 1. We have a couple of tables that are in the process of being fixed and a couple of tables have been fixed and are back out in the public!
- d. Community Input Survey for 2023-24
 - i. We had a total of 119 responses! Great input from everyone about different wants for events and more public art in Milford.
 - ii. Next month we are going to talk about the priorities of how we are going to determine which grants we will award; it has to be posted online before September.
- e. Membership Status and Open Seat
 - i. We currently have one vacant position available
 - ii. There are 13 people in the talent bank, two people responded that they are very interested.
 - iii. Martin Montoya makes a motion that the select board appoints Christina, Aboighasem Moazeni seconds, unanimous vote to appoint Christina.
- f. 2024 Festival & Project Grant
 - i. We submitted a grant for another \$2,500 to do an event like Celebrate Milford again next year.
 - ii. Do we want to do this again next year?
 1. Yes! We've built a great foundation with the event this year and we can do even more next year.
 2. Sandra Buckley makes a motion to commit to Celebrate Milford in the event that we get the 2500 grant from MassCultural, Joclyn Crivello seconds, unanimous vote to approve

F. New Business

- a. Fourth of July Parade - not in the cards for us this year

G. Correspondence and Public Comments

- a. We got a great email regarding the Woodland Elementary School field trip to Southwick's Zoo! Great pictures and feedback!

H. Any Other Business. Next Meeting July 18th, 2023 (Elections and Council Priorities)

- a. Other cultural councils have had grant awarding receptions, is this something we should do?
 - i. After conversing about it, we have decided that this is probably not something that we would do.
- b. We have been doing a lot of good stuff and we should celebrate with each other!
- c. In the middle of July, Geri is going to be gone from July 7th - 17th! No emails will be responded to.
- d. We met Geri's goal for surveys!

I. Joclyn Crivello motions to adjourn meeting, Noressa Santomenna seconds, unanimous vote to adjourn.

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm