

Milford Cultural Council:

Minutes for July 18th, 2023: MCC Monthly Meeting
Room 14 at Milford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Geri Eddins, Christina Wiech, Aboighasem Moazeni, CC Chapman, Martin Montoya, Michele Pici, Denise Tracy, Jenny Lyons, Noressa Santomenna and Sara Vono-Caires

Absent: Joclyn Crivello, Sandra Buckley, and Khizra Syeda

A. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:01
- b. Welcome to our new member, Christina!

B. Review and Approve Minutes of June 20th Meeting

- a. Michele Pici motions to approve the minutes, Martin Montoya seconds, unanimous vote to approve

C. Invitation to Speak

- a. Emily Marsh is here to speak about different ideas she has for the council!
 - i. She grew up in Milford and used to work at Franklin High School
 - ii. Electrical Boxes would be great to be painted - Franklin, Medway, and Bellingham are currently painting them
 - 1. This is on our radar; but currently is prohibited by the sign by law.
 - iii. Painted crosswalks would be very cool
 - iv. Some sort of cultural club at the high school level
 - v. Community Garden + Farmers Markets
 - 1. There is the Garden of Hope that was initiated by Chris's Corner; but this would be great if there were "rentable" plots of land for families to have!
 - vi. Doing a holiday walk or a larger event on the bike trail for the holiday season!

D. Financial Report

- a. Expected Balance: \$4,575.86
- b. Reimbursements and Deposits
 - i. \$34.67 - even up payment to Geri for Celebrate Milford expenses
 - ii. \$1182.84 - Curry Printing for coloring books
- c. Jenny Lyons makes a motion to approve the report, Denise Tracy seconds, unanimous vote to approve

E. Old Business

- a. 2023 Grants Status

- i. We are all paid up!
- b. Multicultural Performance Stage and Tent at Celebrate Milford
 - i. Rescheduled Events
 - 1. Instrument Petting Zoo
 - a. Sam, the children's librarian for Milford Library, will schedule this!
 - 2. Mad Science hands on activity
 - a. This will be happening at the library on August 18th at 1pm!
 - ii. Celebrate Milford Expenses
 - 1. All paid up! We still have money left over from our allocation from last grant cycle - \$2,552.05
 - a. If we don't use this, this will go to our grant allocations for the next grant cycle
 - iii. Final Grant Report to the State
 - 1. All filled out and sent for the event grant we recieved
 - iv. New Grant for 2024 Completed
 - 1. Geri filled out the application and sent out an email to the Celebrate Milford group to say we would like to participate next year as well. We are waiting to hear back.
- c. Public Art Status and Opportunities
 - i. Game Boards and Chess Table: Storage for Game Pieces
 - 1. Thank you to Ebbi for researching little free libraries for the game pieces!
 - a. Jenny brought up that these little libraries would also be wonderful as little art galleries
 - 2. There are some that are made out of recycled composite materials as well, so there is no upkeep that has to be done
 - 3. Ebbi, Jenny and Christina will form a subcommittee to look into these and see how they could work for the game pieces.
 - 4. We could also have game pieces that are little art pieces as well
 - ii. Downtown Mural
 - 1. No major updates on this.
 - 2. August will be the month when we will dig back into this.
 - iii. B2T Tables
 - 1. Two tables are in the repair process
 - iv. Parks Department Outdoor Workout Station
 - 1. We haven't heard anything about this yet, waiting to see if they still want to do a mural.

- d. Membership Status
 - i. It was an interesting vote; we are very glad that we have Christina with us now!
- e. MCC Gathering
 - i. We will meet at 7pm on August 10th at Sorrentos
- F. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer
 - a. Chair
 - i. Aboighasem Moazeni nominates Geri Eddins; unanimous vote to appoint Geri Eddins as Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
 - i. Martin Montoya nominates Sandra Buckley; unanimous vote to appoint Sandra Buckley as Vice Chair
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. CC Chapman nominates Martin Montoya; unanimous vote to appoint Martin Montoya as Treasurer
 - d. Secretary
 - i. CC Chapman nominates Sara Vono-Caires; unanimous vote to appoint Sara Vono-Caires as Secretary
- G. New Business
 - a. Reorganize Subcommittees (Public Art, Celebrate Milford) and Volunteer Assignments (Social Media, PR)
 - i. Public Art Subcommittee
 - 1. Khizra Syeda, Sara Vono-Caires, CC Chapman, Jenny Lyons, Noressa Santomenna, Geri Eddins, Denise Tracy and Christina Wiech
 - ii. Celebrate Milford Committee
 - 1. Martin Montoya, Michele Pici, Khizra Syeda, Joclyn Crivello and Denise Tracy
 - iii. Social Media
 - 1. CC Chapman
 - iv. PR
 - 1. Denise Tracy
 - b. 2024 Priorities for Grant Funds for Publication Before Sept. 1
 - i. CC Chapman moves to accept the prior year's priorities as this year's, Martin Montoya seconds, unanimous vote to accept.
 - c. Brainstorming MCC Projects
 - i. 4th of July parade - Jenny would love to see us have an active role in this; maybe rent a premade float to have some of our work showcased?

1. You can walk in it, ride in it, it doesn't have to be the whole committee. We can make it as small or large as we want.
 - ii. Santa Parade After Party for all holidays - Open it up to the public and provide art supplies, different crafts, and hot chocolate + food for people to relax and hangout after the parade.
 - iii. Holiday Stroll on the trail, similar to the Hopedale fairy walk.
- H. Correspondence and Public Comments
 - a. We haven't received anything this month
- I. Any Other Business. Next Meeting August 15, 2023
 - a. CC Chapman moves to adjourn the meeting, Martin Montoya seconds, unanimous to adjourn
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 8:25