

Rockland Cultural Council Minutes
July 15, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm. Meeting conducted via Zoom.

Present: Maryellen Concannon, Nancy Davis, Christine Flaherty, Nancy Parmenter, Debbie Vecchione

Absent: Michelle Finn

Debbie Vecchione will not renew her application to continue to serve on the board of the RCC. Debbie was thanked for her years of service.

Christine addressed the importance of intersecting businesses in the town of Rockland and activities in the town of Rockland with arts promoted by the Rockland Cultural Council.

Guests: Jane Tetzlaff, Cyndee Ward

Membership: The following RCC members who have previously served on the RCC Board are returning:

John Cheney

Cyndee Ward

Open meeting law reviewed.

Conflict of Interest discussed.

Code of Ethics must be completed.

Secretary Report

1-14-21 Minutes approved.

Motion made by Nancy Davis. Seconded by Nancy Parmenter.

2-18-21 Minutes approved.

Motion made by Nancy Davis. Seconded by Nancy Parmenter.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report approved.

Motion made by Maryellen Concannon. Seconded by Debbie

Vecchione

Treasurer's Notes

5% of grant money awarded by MCC may be used for administrative purposes.

Money, without involvement of the Commonwealth of MA, may be raised through council activities.

Examples of activities in the past include notes cards and an evening for item appraisals.

Scholarship funds discussed.

2020 Rockland Memorial Library Grants

Satuit Band was not able to reschedule their performance.

2020 Congregational Church grants

2 programs were not held.

Question: Can the funds be reallocated to fund "Rockland Day" programs?

An exception was made by the MCC to allow the use of the funds awarded to the Congregational Church to be used to fund "Rockland Day" programs.

FY 2020

5/19 were paid before MA "shutdown".

All remaining grants were extended.

Motion to approve modifications was made by Maryellen Concannon. Seconded by Nancy Parmenter.

Current Timetable:

Amount of grant money will be known in August.

Grants accepted in September-October

Reviewed by RCC in October-November

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen M. Concannon
Secretary, RCC

Rockland Cultural Council Minutes

February 18, 2021

Present: Maryellen Concannon, Nancy Davis, Michelle Finn, Nancy Parmenter, Jane Tetzlaff (ex-officio), Debbie Vecchione
Meeting called to order 7:03pm.

Open meeting Law reviewed.

Acknowledgment that the meeting is a Zoom call and every member is attending via remote.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of November 4, 2019 reviewed. Motion to accept minutes as written was made by Nancy Parmenter. Seconded by Debbie Vecchione. All in favor.

Minutes from January 14, 2021 reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Nancy Parmenter. Seconded by Debbie Vecchione. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances resented. Motion made by Maryellen Concannon to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Debbie Vecchione. All in favor.

Grant discussion

Nancy read from a report from MCC that suggested 2 ways to spend excess grant money:

1. Increase amount awarded to applicants
2. Approve grant money for operating funds for applicants.

A review of grants revealed that none of the applicants included advertising expenses in their applications.

Requesting an applicant to do additional performances is one method to increase funding beyond requested funds.

The questions about doubling up on performance are as follows:

1. Nancy spoke with the Senior Center to determine their interest in a performance by the Victorian Carolers. The Senior Center is not interested in this performance. Michelle will speak with the Director of Nursing at Webster Park to determine their interest in a performance by the Victorian Carolers.
2. Diane Edgecomb (Animal Tales for Summer Reading) will perform an additional program at Rockland Memorial Library.
3. Jim Manning (Trails and Tales for Summer Reading Program) will perform an additional program at the Rockland Memorial Library.
4. Henry Lappen (Henry the Juggler) will offer an additional performance for the Rockland Youth Commission.

A motion was made for Nancy Davis to review remaining balance and divide excess funding among the following 4 applicants:

Brockton Symphony Orchestra

Fuller Museum

South Shore Arts Center

South Shore Science Center

Motion made by Maryellen Concannon. Seconded by Michelle Finn. All in favor.

Update:

Rogers Middle School has agreed to host a performance by Jesse Green. His program, Chainsaws, Cheeseburgers, and Rock'n Roll Live! will be presented in September, 2021 on a mutually agreeable date.

All programs funded. No denials or partial funding notifications will be mailed.

All grants are submitted from RCC to MCC. Funds are not

allocated until grants are approved by MCC.

Councils must grant all funds before allocations from MCC are released.

Additional information:

Members are required to complete an on-line "Conflict of Interest" course.

Conflict of interest letters are available for council members, if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryellen M. Concannon
Secretary, Rockland Cultural Council