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Commissioners of Trust Funds Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021 11:00am

Teleconference (due to Covid-19)

(646) 558-6338 ID 985-7990#

Attendees: Rachael Bielecki, Martha McLure, Joe Twomey

Review bills for approval

Update from the Civil Discourse Project – Anna Eliot – this discussion is postponed date TBD

Discuss (possible vote) on changes to the current Lecture Fund policy of paying for items other than speaker/presentation fee. This could include but not limited to venues, advertising, materials, administrative fees, etc.

Martha would like to consider a couple of new additions to what the Lecture Fund covers, such as, admin fee and advertising. The question was asked, What is an admin fee?. Answer was the salary for the person at the organization to register classes. Should the Lecture Fund “support” groups? Advertising might help to bring more people to the event. What is the cost for advertising? Social media (FB, website, etc.) does not charge. Commissioners would like more information on the break down of an admin fee. Motion made to not do anything at this time, but at a later date, meet with reps from organizations to discuss how we can help them in the future. Discussion tabled. Voted unanimously

Discuss (possible vote) on changes to current client intake process. Would it be possible to record conversations with clients? They would have to sign a waiver to record them. Also, keeping memory is expensive. Process right now is more inviting to clients to talk about their problems. No changes at this time.

Vote to approve Lecture Fund Press Release letter. Approved unanimously. After Covid send out reminder that grants are still being accepted.

Request for assistance from the Community Children’s Fund – not received

Director's Report:

Dinner program offered by the Groton-Pepperell Rotary – contacted the Trust Funds for names and contact information for 10 families/individuals to receive dinners.

Open session for topics not anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting

No vote was taken to discuss applications for the Green or Shepley Charity Funds which may include discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health of an individual will be made. The individual to be discussed in such executive session shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the proposed executive session.

Discuss Charity Application (0)

Motion made to end the meeting, voted unanimously