

Groton Cultural Council Meeting
November 3, 2014
7:00 Legion Hall
Minutes submitted by Pat Hartvigsen

Members Present: Lili Ott, Mary Jennings, Joni Parker-Roach, Frank Conahan, Dina Mordeno, Gretchen Hummon, Monica Hinojos and Pat Hartvigsen

The minutes of the November, 2013 meetings were reviewed. Frank moved to accept them as written. Mary offered a second. The minutes were unanimously approved.

With funds remaining from last year coupled with available funds for this year, we have \$5203 to disperse. We agreed to grant \$5000, leaving a slight cushion.

Grant applications were up significantly this year. All members have reviewed the summaries entered onto the website by Lili and Pat. We divided up all of the applications, members reviewed them and presented to the group for consideration.

The set of criteria outlined by our council and posted on our website as follows:

1. local artist or program
2. low administrative cost
3. broad appeal
4. benefits Groton residents
5. local sponsor

Once again this year, Frank agreed to write denial letters. He will get those letters out by the middle of the month. Once the time for appeal has passed, Gretchen agreed to write to those applicants being funded.

This year's grant applications:

- Arts Nashoba for autism and special needs friendly arts experience
\$500 requested/ \$500 granted
- Contemporary Arts Institute for 2015 stone carving
\$500 requested/ \$0 granted
- First Parish for Boston Gay Men's Chorus
\$500 requested/ \$500 granted
- Fitchburg Art Museum for 80th Regional Exhibition
\$150 requested/ \$150 granted

- Ricardo Frota for Ecology of Sound
\$225 requested/ \$225 granted
- Fruitlands Museum for Centennial Saturday
\$300 requested/ \$300 granted
- Groton Council on Aging for music appreciation series
\$800 requested/ \$0 granted
- Groton Greenway Committee for Groton Greenway River Festival
\$500 requested/ \$500 granted
- (Lily recused herself on this vote)
Groton Historical Society for internship program
\$500 requested/ \$500 granted
- Groton Public Library for Bridges exhibit
\$300 requested/ \$0 funded
- Harvard Pro Musica for concert
\$200 requested/ \$0 funded
- Indian Hill Music Center for Bach's Lunch concerts
\$500 requested/ \$500 funded
- Henry Lappen for juggling event
\$425 requested/ \$0 funded
- Marble Collection, Inc. for mentoring and publication
\$200 requested/ \$0 funded
- Nashoba Valley Chorale for Beethoven concert
\$500 requested/ \$300 granted
- Nashoba Valley Concert Band for music concerts
\$250 requested/ \$250 granted
- Nashua River Watershed Association for canoe and kayaking guide
\$500 requested/ \$500 granted
- Susan Richmond for 2015 Plein Air Poetry
\$100 requested/ \$100 granted

- John Root for songbirds power point
\$250 requested/ \$0 granted
- John Root for edible perennials power point
\$250 requested/ \$0 granted
- John Root for organic gardening
\$250 requested/ \$0 granted
- TADS for book discussion on child behavior
\$445 requested/ \$0 granted
- Virginia Thurston Healing Garden for art exploration
\$300 requested/ \$300 granted
- United Native American Culture for educational presentation
\$700 requested/ \$300 granted

The total amount granted = \$4925

Our second order of business was to discuss new members. Lili and Frank will both be completing their terms in January. Several names were suggested. Lili will reach out to Meredith Scarlett, Heather Aziz and Deb Santoro.

Officers for next year were determined. Pat will join Joni as a co treasurer. Gretchen will replace Pat as secretary and Mary will become the new chair.

The meeting was adjourned. We will keep in touch regarding a spring meeting to welcome new members.