



South Hadley Cultural Council

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April 15, 2020, 5:00 PM

Present: Officers: Paul Lambert, chair. Dick Matteson, treasurer. Rebecca Slitt, secretary.

Members: John Anz, Ira Brezinsky, Leslie Fields, Keith Paul, Timna Tarr, Robin Wagner

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Correspondence:
 - a. A prospective new member has reached out to us. Dick is following up.
 - b. Other correspondence related to grants and rescheduled events will be covered in the Treasurer's Report
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Total bank account as of March 31: \$7559.30
 - i. LCC Fund: \$6659.38
 - ii. Grant Fund: \$900 – two recipients have not yet submitted the necessary forms to receive their grants
 - b. Several grant recipients have requested postponements for their events related to pandemic closures and cancellations. We're certain that there will be more coming, and Cultural Council members should reach out to their respective recipients to check in. So far, the list is: Pioneer Valley Film Festival, South Hadley Chorale, Wee Small Hours Cabaret, Pastel Paint, Songs of Sea and Space
 - c. The MA Cultural Council's current policy is that all events funded by FY2020 grants must take place by Dec. 31, 2020 in order to be eligible for that funding; otherwise, the recipients should return their grants and that money will roll over into the Grant Fund for 2021. (We anticipate that that deadline will be extended into 2021 once it becomes clearer how long the pandemic-related restrictions on events will last.) Technically, recipients are supposed to contact us before rescheduling their event, but given the stressful nature of the world, we're going to be flexible about everything.
4. New Business.
 - a. The MA Cultural Council has grants available for artists out of work because of the epidemic
 - b. Over the last few weeks, Ira has organized meals (funded by donations) from Delaney House to give to emergency and essential workers – firefighters, police, postal workers. He is still taking donations, and is looking for someone to take point on the program in the longer term.
 - c. Several members' terms are up in June; we are looking for new members to take their place.

Meeting adjourned 5:26PM

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Slitt