

Amherst Cultural Council

Minutes of the Meeting of July 19, 2016

Call to order: Ellen Kosmer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Crafts Room of the Jones Library.

Council members in attendance: Ellen Kosmer and Honoré David, co-chairs; Andrea Battle, treasurer; Georgia Barnhill, secretary; Sondra Radosh, Martha Toro, and Mia Cabana, Jones Library liaison. Lynda Faye and Jennifer Lind were not able to attend.

Agenda

1. Welcome new members
2. Discuss and vote on Annual report
3. Discuss new application system
4. Revisit local guidelines.
5. Set date for next meeting
6. New business

1. Introductions:

Each member introduced herself. New council members need to take the basic training that is on the MCC website.

2. Annual Report:

It was moved and seconded to accept the annual report that will be sent to the Massachusetts Cultural Council by Ellen Kosmer.

3. New Application System:

Applications will now be submitted electronically to the MCC. Mia Cabana noted that applicants having difficulty scanning supplemental documents could obtain assistance at the Jones Library. The applications will be collated by the MCC and made available as a PDF file to be downloaded and printed. Council members can be reimbursed for the cost of paper and printing ink. Council members should read the guidelines on the MCC website. The deadline for applications is Monday, October 17 and the packets will be distributed by November 1. The ACC does not yet know the amount of funding available.

4. Revisit Current Guidelines

In response to the MCC request that councils submit revised local guidelines, we studied our current guidelines and drafted revisions that we will vote on at our next meeting. Possible dates are August 5, 15, and 16 at 3 p.m.

5. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Barnhill, Secretary