

Amherst Cultural Council
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2021
Via Zoom 5:00 pm – 6:30

Council members attended: Georgia Barnhill, Robin Thompson, Rachel Wang, Julianne Applegate, Jenny Lind, Sondra Radosh, Arthur Pero, Cole Graber-Mitchell, Matt Holloway, Sydney Mager, Leah Neuburger, Nandi Chivende; and Town Liaison, Cyndi Harbeson

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm:

1. Minutes from the January 20th meeting were approved by vote.
2. Accessibility discussion: Matt presented his extensive work this week researching people and organizations that provide accessibility services including quotes and types of services. These include visual art descriptions and verbal recording of descriptions for the visually impaired, sign language and dance interpretation of different types of music, among others. Bravo Matt! There are a lot of resources available so moving forward some ideas were presented:
 - provide funding support becomes the inspiration to grantees to think about how they can be more accessible
 - start with an effort to explore different services and match them up with specific grantees
 - offer one kind of service to a few as a pilot program
 - ask grantees if they have enthusiasm around specific services and provide funding on a first-come, first-serve basis
 - encourage the use of large print programs
 - when our plan is developed announce our initiative in a press release and invite community donationsWe voted to form an accessibility subcommittee and to allocate \$2500 to fund accessibility services to grantees this year.
3. Julianne reported on an email from Pecha Kucha about an upcoming virtual event where participant provide 20 images on the theme of Love. Julianne suggested we each send 1-2 images that exemplify what we love about our Amherst community, arts or culture. She will forward the email to the committee for further consideration.
4. Grant proposal review of grant awards. We just about finished but need to retally and meet again for more discussion. We adjourned at 6:28 p.m.
5. Next meeting: Thursday, January 28 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Jenny Lind, Secretary Amherst Cultural Council