

**Amherst Cultural Council  
Minutes October 25, 2010  
ACCEPTED – Re-corrected Nov. 22  
(ReAccepted December 7, 2010)  
Large Meeting Room, Jones Library**

Present: Ann Woodbridge (Chair), Katya Ites (Treasurer), Sandra Mullin, Arnold Friedmann, Ruth Rootberg, Laurie Nisonoff, and staff liaison Sondra Radosh. Also present: Christopher O'Brien, UMass journalism undergraduate, who attended the first hour to learn how to cover meetings.

Katya distributed a list of Grant applications FY2011 with history of last year's request and grant, where applicable.

Ruth distributed corrected draft minutes submission for approval. Minutes approved as corrected.

Katya mentioned it's her last year – someone will need to take on the Treasurer's role next year.

Three members will be missing part of the November 8 meeting: Sandra, Arnold and Ruth. We have tentatively re-scheduled the meeting for Thursday, November 11 at 6pm at the Jones Library. Ann will confirm the change via e-mail (or at the November 1 meeting).

Ann reminded us to please sign up online for the November 9 event at the Yiddish Book Center. Members should have received an invitation via e-mail. Some door prizes have been identified or given to Ann already. She encourages us to find more.

It was noted the deadline for submitting a nomination for the Gold Star award has been extended until November 12.

Treasurer's report:

Katya explained spreadsheet. The first number is what is asked for this year, then the number of people served. The 3<sup>rd</sup> number is last year's grant award.

Total requests sum to \$60,194. We will need to cut down \$34,944 to break even for all grants. However, we can use more resources if we absolutely feel the need.

Ann – distributed grant application #61 that had inadvertently been omitted from our sets of applications.

We then discussed and assigned provisional award amounts, subject to review after all grants have been discussed.

First section – PASS grants

# 1 Crocker Farm requests \$672 Approve.

#2,3,4, 5 Wildwood requests a total of \$4378 Approve except for #3, which is tentatively eliminated, or will be reduced so that the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will attend the event. The Council wishes to offer each child in each grade attendance at one event, but not two as was requested. If we deny: Only have enough money for each child to go to one performance.

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#6,7,8 Fort River requests \$1,330 Approve

All PASS grant allocations will be reviewed after other grants that involve the schools (e.g, artists in residence) are reviewed.

#9 Amherst Ballet for Hansel & Gretel requests \$4,500. Council is strongly in favor, but can't give the full amount. Ann will ask Amherst Ballet what other LCC's they have approached and how much they are requesting. Approve: \$1,000. If more available, subject to change.

#10 Arcadia Players requesting 1,000. Approve: \$500.

#11 Pioneer Valley Cappella, Inc. Requests \$400. Approve: \$100 plus a phone call asking for specifics of concerts.

#12 A Celebration of Song requests \$600 NO. Denial: #4 dependency and also E.not local.

#13 Riverwolf Productions requests \$400. Approve: \$100 with encouragement to firm up application for next year.

#14 Jubilat/Jones Reading Series requests \$1,100. Katya will e-mail – what is the \$\$ for? Can't be for readers. Tabled.

#15 Gallery A3 IN dialogue requesting \$3,280. Approve: \$500 plus ask for more information

#16 QVPM String Quartet Concert requests \$250. Ruth will phone – what is the A3 – Other \$1,350. Considering full funding: \$250.

#17 The Marble Collection, Inc. Website Redesign requests \$150.  
No funding. Denial: E. Chose to fund more locally based.

#18 Hampshire Choral Society: Schubert Mass in E-flat major requests \$800. Approve: \$400.

#19 Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival requests \$900 (or \$750 in budget). Approve \$700.

#20 Talking Hands Theatre: "A surprising Helper: an educational show about disabilities"  
Tabled. Possible denial: No: 4. dependency. Sandra will phone for clarification.

#21 Youth Action Coalition Arts-for-Change requests \$3,000. Approve \$1,000 for them to allocate among the 3 projects.

#22 Ko Festival requests \$2,200. Approve \$1,000.

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#23 Da Camera Singers: Locally Grown: valley Composers and their Music requests \$500. Approve \$500.

#24 Nancy Milliken Requests \$1,275. No – B. no not specific enough. But Ann will add note – please come see us when planning is further along.

#25 Amherst Leisure Services Theater Access Program requests \$500. Approve \$500.

At the end of the meeting, Katya asked the Council to not consider her application at the next meeting, since she has first to file a disclosure statement regarding her grant application and attend a Select Board meeting for approval. Since the Select Board meetings are held on Mondays at 6:30, she will be able to go there on Monday, November 8, when the ACC does not meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Rootberg