

**Amherst Cultural Council
Accepted Minutes
January 13, 2011
Amherst Room, Jones Library**

Present: Ann Woodbridge (Chair), Katya Ites (Treasurer), Ruth Rootberg (Secretary), Sandra Mullin, Arnold Friedmann, , and staff liaison Sondra Radosh.

Minutes

The Minutes of December 7, 2010, with the minor typographical changes as delivered in track changes, were approved

Denial Letters

Ann mailed denial letters December 9 and 10, 2010. No one has responded.

Request for extension of grants

Stacy Kontrabecki (A2010-44) requests an extension to deliver her program "Online Selling Opportunities for Artists" because her partner organization, Valley CDC did not include her in their catalogue. She intends to deliver her program between February-May, 2011. With Ann's recommendation, the Council approved the extension.

Catalina Arrubla (A2010-27) requests an extension to complete her project, "Living History" while she waits for other funding to be approved. The project is not very far along; no script has yet been written, and rehearsals don't begin until September 2011. The Council does not expect applicants to collect funds over a period of time longer than one year. With Ann's recommendation, the Council did not approve the extension.

Projects that have not yet submitted receipts

Awardees have one year from the date the acceptances were mailed to request funds. The letters were possibly sent January 9, 2010, so the following projects may be late:

Shakespeare under the Stars (A2010-39), whose contact was Amy Ware but who no longer heads the project.

In Dialogue –Gallery A3 (A2010-60), contact - Evelyn Pye

Katya will contact In Dialogue, and Ann will contact Shakespeare under the Stars, and also re-check the mailing date from last year with Edith, former chair.

Treasurer's Report

Katya reported on how we moved \$14 approved at the December 7, 2010 meeting to provide additional grant funding. It was taken from the administrative fund (line G) and moved to line I, "Available for Granting this year." The Council approved the transfer of funds.

Community Input

Ann announced there will be a public meeting to gather community input this spring.

Mailing approvals

The input and mailing of the acceptance letters was moved from January 8 to January 16. Ann, Katya, and Ruth will prepare the acceptance letters. Ann showed the Council a sample form letter.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Rootberg, Secretary