

MID-CAPE REGIONAL CULTURAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING - JUNE 26, 2012  
Barnstable Town Hall  
Growth Management Department - conference room - 3rd floor

Attending:

Council members: Becky Lawrence, Mary Allen, Patricia Austin, Marlene Weir, Jolene Diehl, Corinne Lilie  
Barnstable Town Councilor Jessica Rapp Grasseti, liaison to Cultural Council  
Member of Public: R.F. Andres from Centerville.

Chair Becky Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the April 24, 2012 meeting were approved with two corrections: Marlene Weir was in attendance via telephone; May 18 was the official opening ceremony for display of artwork by 25 artists at the Barnstable Airport Terminal.

Treasurer Mary Allen reported that reimbursement requests have been received from four grantees whose programs have been completed.

Becky introduced new member Corinne Lilie of Marstons Mills, a fiber artist and watercolorist of Black Sheep Studio. Council members briefly shared their backgrounds.

Another new member from Barnstable who will be officially appointed soon is Janet Preston of the Maritime Museum. Efforts will be made to bring in additional members from Yarmouth to improve the balance of representation, which now stands at eight from Barnstable and three from Yarmouth -- as this is a regional council comprised of the two towns.

Discussion followed of "Sharing Our Stories", our community outreach program held May 29 at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod in South Yarmouth. Approximately 35 people attended, with five past grantees providing diverse entertainment. A power-point presentation by Chair Becky Lawrence provided information about the council, and results of a community input survey were discussed, followed by input from some attendees. It was considered a successful evening, with people lingering afterwards to enjoy refreshments and conversation. A community input program is required every three years by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Becky expressed a need for Council by-laws to outline member expectations and meeting procedures. A sub-committee consisting of Marlene, Patricia, and Becky

will formulate a document, and open meeting notice will be given when a vote is scheduled.

A proposed calendar for FY 2012-2013 was presented, including meeting dates and due dates for applications and their processing, annual election of officers in August, and a grants workshop in September. See attached.

Council then considered updating grant guidelines and funding criteria in a list suggested and compiled by Becky --based on a combination of MCC requirements, local requirements, and community input. A lengthy discussion followed, with these motions seconded and carried unanimously:

\*Motion to add the criterion: Application for the same program or project shall be considered only for a maximum of three consecutive years.

\* Motion to accept guidelines and funding priorities as amended. See attached for a detailed list.

Regarding cultural collaborations: The Town of Barnstable is planning on developing an RFP for a public art project within the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectively submitted by Elaine Skoler, Secretary