

Mid Cape Cultural Council
Barnstable Town Hall, GMD conference room
July 16, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mary Carroll Allen, Susanne Finney, Crystal Gips, Beth Higgins, Becky Lawrence, Elise McMullin, Jeanmarie O'Clair, Rachel Youngling.

Absent: Doug McHugh, Marlene Weir

Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m.

Members introduced themselves.

Report by Suzanne Finney on Create the Vote event in Worcester on July 14. Five hundred people were present. The interviews with gubernatorial candidates were preceded by entertainment and a reception. Candidates shared their relationships to and perspectives on the arts.

Becky reminded us that we must solicit community input this year, which will affect our criteria for grants in the following year. We do it every three years. Our role in the town should complement the town's priorities, which Becky shared with us online. We discussed the use of the Armory and its availability to the artist community. It will become a pirate museum related to the Whyddah.

Elise gave the treasurer's report indicating that we have \$394.17 in our local funds, with some unexplainable amounts attributed by the town. Elise will check on these figures to clarify. Of 16 grants awarded, 9 remain to be reimbursed. We reviewed the status of various projects. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

We discussed the grant application process, which has moved to online. (The online process has since been put off for another year.) We have to publicize the application, process, date and changes in process.

Summer fundraiser. We hope we will get a sufficient number of entries. Mary Carroll and Marlene and Becky will hang the show on the 22nd. Doug will pick up the racks from Cahoon Museum of Art. The winners will be announced on August 10th at the ice cream social (time unknown). Mary Carroll will follow up on a judge from 4 Sea's. We should all attend if possible.

Our Facebook page includes an article from the Mass Creative event. Rachel asked about the posting about the fundraising event. Becky will elevate the post to a first position so that it is a more visible.

New member questions focused on clarification of the 4 Sea's event, other fund raisers, does town offer potential space for fund raisers, what our governmental status is, amount of money we are given by the state to award (about \$10,000), number of grant applications we receive each year, focus on funding Cape artists, reception for grant winners.

A committee meeting is scheduled at the home of Marlene Weir on July 30 at 80 Pond Street, Osterville, at 7:00 to discuss the use and promotion of an online database for artists through New England Foundation for the Arts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting is August 27 at 7 p.m.