

MidCape Cultural Council

January 8, 2025, 3rd fl Conf. room, Hyannis Town Hall

Attending: Margeaux Weber (chair), Rachel Youngling (treasurer), Carolyn Ferrell (secretary), Barbara Hershey, Kate McMahon, Bev Parke, Rachel Jones, Zavia Walker (attended remotely), Mary Bianco (guest)

Meeting Opens 6:35 pm

Margeaux distributed the State guidelines for having a member attending remotely and the correspondence from Mass Cultural

Minutes from November and December meetings approved with a correction for December (amount to grant is \$22,941)

Treasurer's Report approved, no changes

New Member Orientations A short review of the app used for record keeping by the Council. Email account and passwords discussed. Chair noted the new eLearning opportunity in the Mass Cultural website (Mass Cultural website -> Communities -> Local Cultural Council Program -> LCC Member Toolkit)

FY25 Grant Award Process (discussion)

The MCCC received two reconsideration requests. One was approved by Mass Cultural, the other is TBD. Mass Cultural Also asked us to review several other grants to be sure they aligned with our goal of not funding the **same project** for more than 3 **consecutive** years.

Margeaux reviewed the State process we need to follow during reconsideration. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Projects reviewed –

93307 – Cape Cod Verdean Museum (the group requesting reconsideration)

91868 – Mary Wilson

85573 – Cordial Eye

10374 - Arts & Justice Collective

92137 – Recovery Program (Mass Cultural has yet to determine if the group has grounds for reconsideration)

A reminder – All projects that scored higher than 4.05 were approved or funding in full (or up to \$1,500)

Project 93307 – All agreed it is a worthy project but funding outside our jurisdiction of Barnstable/Yarmouth is not possible with so many local applications for funding. Their ranking was not changed.

Project 91868 – Each year has been a different project so is following our funding guidelines.

Project 85573 – This is the third year of funding for this project. They will be advised that funding for this project will not be available in FY26. May still apply for funding of different project.

Project 10374 – This is only the second year the A&J Collective has applied for funding so is following our guidelines,

Project 92137 – TBD

Further discussion of the need for outreach to more local artists of all types, help with grant writing, and looking for new members to diversify our ranks.

Calendar Planning

Review of yearly To Do list.

- If Project 92137 is approved by the State for reconsideration we will need an interim meeting to meet State guidelines for submission of Approval Letters and the Annual Report (needs to be submitted by 1/15)
- All members should review past survey (online). Survey will be rewritten and distributed the Spring.
- All members need to read our guidelines/Priorities (on our Mass Cultural LCC page). We will be rewriting both if needed and must be completed by August 1.
- Advertise via our IG and FB pages the training the is available (thru Mass Cultural) to artists or groups that want to submit future applications.
- We need to elect officers by the June meeting

Further discussion ensued about the need to record the reason for denial of a project, in addition to their numerical ranking. And to communicate the *WHY* of the denial to otherwise worthy grantees. Barbara Hershey volunteered to call these folks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting is February 12 at 6:30 pm