

Milford Cultural Council:

Minutes for October 17th, 2023: MCC Monthly Meeting
Room 14 at Milford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Geri Eddins, Christina Wiech, CC Chapman, Joclyn Crivello, Noressa Santomenna, Sandra Buckley and Sara Vono-Caires

Absent: Aboighasem Moazeni, Martin Montoya, Khizra Syeda, Denise Tracy, Jenny Lyons and Michele Pici

A. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. As of 7:01 we have not reached a quorum
- b. Reached quorum at 7:11

B. Review and Approve Minutes for 9/19 Meeting

- a. We will vote when we reach quorum or next month
- b. CC Chapman moves to approve the minutes, Noressa Santomenna seconds, unanimous vote to approve

C. Invitation to Speak

- a. We do have one visitor to sit in and see how our meetings work!

D. Financial Report

- a. Balance: \$4,635.65
- b. Reimbursements and Deposits
 - i. No new expenditures this month
- c. Final Annual Report to State Council
 - i. Everything got worked out in person, but there was an error message through the system. After many different correspondences, we figured out what the issue was, something statewide, and we are now done with the report (thank you, Geri!).
 1. Through this process, we did find out though that we can spend in a deficit (with the correct paperwork) which is amazing!
- d. Sandra Buckley makes a motion to approve the financial report, Joclyn Crivello seconds, unanimous vote to approve

E. Old Business

- a. Multicultural Performance Stage and Tent at Celebrate Milford 2024
 - i. We aren't sure if Celebrate Milford 2024 will be happening as it is possible that Town Park will be under construction at that time.
 - ii. Joclyn did attend a meeting in talking about different solutions as to where else it could be held, nothing concrete has been set - Joclyn will follow up to see when this decision will be made.

1. They do still want to work with us if they do end up having it!
- b. Public Art Status and Opportunities
 - i. Game Boards and Chess Table: Storage for Game Pieces and Little Free Library Options
 1. Geri will be ordering three free libraries that will be sent to her house as the company uses UPS which sends packages 24/7 and the Highway Barn can only receive packages from 6am to 3pm.
 - a. 2 libraries will be ordered for game pieces and one library will be ordered as a free little art gallery.
 - ii. Downtown Murals
 1. There is a zoom meeting set up for November 9th for the mural downtown
 2. We are waiting for the mural at Town Park as there are a few other projects in the wings for Jim Assam before we work on this.
- c. Milford TV Sponsorship
 - i. Martin is taking care of this so we will officially be sponsors!
- d. Grant Season
 - i. Schedule: Determine Dates of Voting Meetings
 1. Our regular November meeting on the 21st will be our review meeting of the grants where we can compile all of our questions
 2. Tuesday December 12th will be our voting night with a backup being the 13th
 - ii. Summary of Outreach (Q&A Events, Local Media, Social)
 1. Social Media + Local Media went super well!
 2. Not too sure if we would do the Q&A event again at the Youth Center; there didn't seem to be much interest from the kids.
 3. The Library Q&A went well! It was raining, so it may have deterred some people from coming. It was really helpful to have people who are bilingual!
 - a. It was great to get super in depth with people, it would be better if more people from the council could attend!
 - iii. Grant Review Process

F. New Business

- a. Pumpkin Stroll
 - i. Happening on 10/28/23 - Joclyn and Khizra will be working the MCC Table.

- ii. Coloring books and crayons will be handed out with candy.
- b. MCC Projects for 2024 Discussion
 - i. We should know by next meeting if we are doing Celebrate Milford 2024
 - 1. Pause on discussion until we know about this

G. Correspondence and Public Comments

- a. Phone call from Jeffrey Clayton who was supposed to perform at the Celebrate Milford Stage 2023, but couldn't do the rain date.
 - i. He really wants to do some sort of gig in Milford with his full band but hasn't had an opportunity. Any ideas?
- b. We got two final grant reports, one from the Boston Concert Artist Society and one from the Discovery Museum!

H. Any Other Business. Next Meeting November 21, 2023

- a. Joclyn Crivello makes a motion to adjourn meeting, Noressa Santomenna seconds, unanimous vote to adjourn meeting