

Wareham Cultural Council

May 13, 2020

The WCC meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm via Zoom. Present were Chair Kathy Gleason, members Kristin Lyons, Wendy Brogioli, Jamie Wiksten, Christy Gunnels, and guest Geoff Worrell.

The secretary's report was reviewed and accepted as reported.

Treasurer Wendy Brogioli reported the annual report showed \$9627 available to grant in 2020. Chair Gleason reported that three grantees had completed their programs and had funds distributed, but no others had reported completion.

OLD BUSINESS: Kristin Lyons reported on her attendance at the public workshop organized by Richard Swenson. The workshop met to propose and institute a "Wareham Congress". Kristin attended two meetings in which she determined there was little or no overlap between the proposed Congress and the Wareham Cultural Council. Swenson has not been in contact since January. Kristin said she will probably continue to attend future meetings with an individual interest but does not think it applies to WCC. She will bring any pertinent news to the attention of the WCC.

2020 Grant Updates

Chair Gleason reported on completed grants. 1) The Zeiterion Field Trip for \$315, 2) Community Connections Whaling Museum Visit for a reimbursement of \$398 of the \$500 accorded [The MCC is allowing the remainder to be used in accordance to WCC approval], 3) Wareham Minute Men Ben Franklin for \$300. Chair Gleason detailed how the grants could be fulfilled or reimbursed during the Covid-19 restrictions. Chair Gleason sent letters to all the grantees explaining the MCC allowances. She has not received a response from all the grantees. In order to reimburse any grantee who is unable to complete their proposal, the WCC is required to gain approval from the Board of Selectmen or the Town Accountant. It was unanimously accepted that the grantees may proceed as discussed regarding the Covid-19.

Priorities

At next meeting we will look at our priority and decide on whether to make adjustments.

Community Input Survey

Wendy will check on the MCC frequency requirement to confirm that the three year requirement is still in place.

NEW BUSINESS:Wendy will draft a new letter to be sent to grantees asking for specificity on their plans and the requirement to submit letters to the Council explaining their intent. The draft will be shared electronically for the committee's approval.

The next meeting via Zoom is set for June 16, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment 7:11

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy LaGue
Secretary