



MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2020 06:02PM | VIRTUAL MEETING: ZOOM

TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting – November 2020
FACILITATOR	Yasmin Goris
NOTE TAKER	Lisa Malo
ATTENDEES	Mitchell Perry, David Filar, Jennifer Riley, George Sedares, Christopher Rich, Nikki Erskine
LATE	
GUESTS	Eliza Lawrence (REC), Joy Murietta (Main IDEA)

AGENDA TOPICS

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
CONCLUSION	Approved
Mitchell Perry moved to approve minutes from the September meeting; George Sedares seconded the motion.	

II. BUDGET REPORT	
CONCLUSION	Approved
Yasmin Goris motioned to approve the budget report; George Sedares seconded the motion.	

III. POTENTIAL GREATER WORCESTER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDING

- a. Nikki Erskine shared information from Lindiana Semidei at GWCF; Working on Creative Worcester initiative and partnership with Barr Foundation; donating \$10k to WAC to fund 2 additional WAC fellows
- b. Council voted to accept the GWCF funds; unanimously approved

IV. GRANT AMENDMENT REQUESTS

- a. Render Creative - Main IDEA requests amendment to include virtual programming as part of their Teen Arts & Open Mic Night project; Council voted and unanimously approved
 - i. Guest: Joy Murietta - Main IDEA

V. REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS

APP #	Individual/Organization	Amount	Decision	Status	Notes
WAC-10	Pop It Podcast - Sarah Connell	\$1,096.18	APPROVED	FINAL	Reimbursement form submitted for \$1099.60; Approving \$1,096.18 as invoices add up to this amount

Nikki added that WAC also needs to approve payment for Dropbox from its administrative funds in the amount of \$101.92; Nikki to send to Yasmin for signature/approval

VI. GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- a. Guest: Eliza Lawrence, REC -- Questions about applying for FY21 grants; REC is involved in 2 separate projects; as long as applications are submitted by different individuals/groups, then they can apply



VII. LCC DEADLINE EXTENSION

- a. Grant application deadline is extended through 12/14 at 11:59pm ET
- b. MCC recommends additional application process considerations to loosen restrictions this year
- c. WAC decided to make venue commitment optional; need to update Grant Guidelines, make information publicly available (social media); make sure to note that virtual events are allowed and encouraged
- d. Fellowships: WAC voted to offer two \$5k Fellowships, and at least 4 \$2,500 Fellowships -- Council unanimously approved

VIII. LOGO DESIGNER SELECTION

- a. Haley Cloonan-Lisi is the selected designer; Council official voted and this designer selection was unanimously approved
- b. Mitchel Perry proposed a WAC sub-committee of 3 Council members to work on logo project; Council determined that Mitchell Perry, Dave Filar, Lisa Malo will be on the sub-committee

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Social Media Committee: Requested more Council engagement on WAC social posts
- b. Events Committee: No updates
- c. Strategic Planning: No updates

X. FELLOWSHIP & PROJECT RUBRICS

- a. Yasmin will make the changes to the Project Rubric
- b. Yasmin will make update to Grant Guidelines for venue commitment being optional

XI. WORCESTER BOOK FESTIVAL

- a. No updates from Yaffa Fain/City on Book Festival
- b. Nikki to follow up with Yaffa to get an update; Council determined that if there is no update by December meeting, they deobligate funds -- Nikki to inform/discuss with Yaffa

XII. CHANGE FROM REIMBURSEMENT TO DIRECT GRANTS

- a. WAC voted to change to direct (up-front funding) of grants for Project Grants for FY21; Council voted 7-1 in favor of approving direct grants; Nikki to follow up with City Hall; if City Hall is unable to support direct granting for FY21 then we will revert to reimbursement-based funding

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:01PM