



MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2021 7:03 PM | ZOOM (VIRTUAL)

TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
FACILITATOR	Jennifer Riley
NOTE TAKER	Brandon Lewis
ATTENDEES	Jennifer Riley, Brandon Lewis, Christopher Rich, David Filar, Lisa Malo, Silvana Boaheng, Sean Brennan
LATE	George Sedares
GUESTS	

AGENDA TOPICS

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
CONCLUSION	Approved
Christopher Rich moved to approve, Sean Brennan seconded	

II. BUDGET REPORT	
CONCLUSION	Questions and concerns about deobligating grant funds. Will follow up with grantees. Also question on interest income, still awaiting answers.
Brandon Lewis moved to approve, Sean Brennan seconded	

III. GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS

APP #	Grantee	Amount	Decision	Status	Notes
WAC-82	Salisbury Singers	\$1,500	APPROVED	Final	
WAC-52	Xiaoduo Fan	\$2,770	APPROVED	Final	2020 Grant Obligation

IV. GRANT AMENDMENTS

- A. Barbara Guertin- wanted to postpone event until March 2022, council approved
- B. Cyrille Vincent Ndomakette Samba- asking to extend project. Agreed upon an extension into 2022, but can't spread out funds until 2024, like requested. Will reach out to the MCC for guidance
- C. Studio Theatre Worcester- want to shift from Summer 2021 to Summer 2022, approved.
- D. Timothy Kane- changing venue to indoors. Council is conditionally approving amendment once a venue commitment is secured
- E. Worcester Area Mission Society- use funds originally allocated for stipend for supplies instead, approved

V. GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

- A. Deciding on topics for council members to present
- B. Will include a visual aid this year (powerpoint)
- C. Ask who is present at the beginning, and what types of things are they looking for clarification on
- D. Consideration for having a session with grantees after they've been awarded grants to explain the direct funding changes

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES



- A. Events
 - 1. Question about sponsorship for upcoming grant reception- George to follow up with Nikki
 - 2. Request for WAC at community event, Jennifer followed up with an email, no response
- B. Marketing
 - 1. Local artist Instagram takeover- proposed council vote to spend a maximum \$1,500, council unanimously approved
 - 2. Survey prize winners have until 9/19 to respond
 - 3. Suggestion for spending up to \$2,000 on WAC sweatshirts for community members and fellowship grantees/finalists- style and vendor TBD. Council unanimously approved
- C. Strategic Planning
 - 1. Plan for coming up with “key dates” to avoid having special meetings when we don’t need to, and to better plan our time
 - 2. Jennifer and Chris will come up a preliminary list before our next meeting
 - 3. Lisa proposed idea of a committee that could possibly better serve our needs other than strategic planning. To add this as an agenda item for the next meeting, everyone will think on it

VII. WAC MEMBERSHIP, VICE CHAIR

- A. Lisa Malo volunteered to step up as Vice Chair. Jennifer nominated her, council unanimously voted to appoint Lisa as Vice Chair
- B. Council has a vacancy for 1 member
 - 1. Possibility to advertise during the grant workshop
 - 2. Will post on social media

VIII. STAFF UPDATES

- A. City of Worcester received American Rescue Plan funds.
- B. Greater Worcester Community Foundation have an upcoming grant to help artists to learn the business side of creativity and give them resources to bookkeepers and the like- and would be happy to renew the \$10,000 for WAC fellows, as long as we promote their program
 - 1. Jennifer proposed that we agree to promote GWCF’s program for artists, and accept the \$10,000 grant funds for fellowships- council unanimously voted to approve
- C. Discussion about what time to start meetings in the future: Council decided at the moment to have meetings begin at 7pm to better suit the schedules of council members
- D. Admin funds: Decision that any admin funds not encumbered will roll over to the following calendar year and go back into the granting pool
- E. Happy Worcester Pride Week

IX. UPCOMING #WACFUNDED EVENTS

- A. Art in the Park- through October 24th
- B. One of the Pow Wow Murals was WAC funded
- C. Hubble Space Telescope Lecture on October 2nd
- D. Salisbury Singers performance available on YouTube

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50PM