

MEETING MINUTES February 6th, 2023 6:05PM | ZOOM (VIRTUAL)

TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
FACILITATOR	Jennifer Riley
NOTE TAKER	Brandon Lewis
ATTENDEES	Jennifer Riley, Brandon Lewis, Nikki Erskine, Christopher Rich, Sean Brennan, David Filar, Shantelle Campbell
LATE	
GUESTS	

AGENDA TOPICS

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
CONCLUSION	Approved (1/12 and 1/23)
Christopher Rich motioned to approve, Sean Brennan seconded.	

II. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A. none at this time

III. BUDGET REPORT	
CONCLUSION	Approved
Brandon Lewis motioned to approve budget report, Sean Brennan seconded	

IV. FINAL REPORT REVIEWS

- A. Anna MacInnis approved
- B. Arts Worcester approved
- **C.** Christopher G King approved
- **D.** Domenica Dillon approved
- **E.** Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District approved
- **F.** Joy of Music approved
- **G.** Michelle Memnon approved
- H. Mihoko Wakabayashi approved
- I. Patricia Kirkpatrick approved
- J. The Boys and Girls Club approved
- K. Tonia Ostrow approved
- L. Worcester Art Museum approved

V. GRANT AMENDMENT REQUESTS

- **A.** ArtReach approved date extension for paperwork completion (June 1st,2023)
- **B.** Christopher Bettencourt approved date extension to June 1st.
- C. Christopher G. King approved



- D. Ferdinand Nazario approved deadline of June 1st
- **E.** Living in Freedom Together not approved. Will need project completion paperwork by November 19th, 2023.
 - 1. Decision that any grants going forward will have a deadline of the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 19th) or funds will need to be returned to WAC
- F. Piyali Mazumdar approved

VI. WAC MEMBERSHIP + OFFICER ROLES

- **A.** Two possible new members are in the pipeline (very exciting!)
- **B.** At March council meeting, will be discussing officer roles

VII. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- A. Performed hand-off to Brandon and Shantelle for marketing
- **B.** Grant Reception discussion about grant reception budget
 - 1. Approved up to \$2,600 on grant reception
- **C.** Grant review still need to find time to meet

VIII. STAFF UPDATES

- **A.** Finally ready to officially announce grant recipients!
- **B.** Nikki will be looking at social media access
- C. Still having issues with self-identifying NEA grant recipients, have not yet announced
- **D.** Will be putting together email to get clarity on NEA funds so that we can announce grantees and spend marketing

IX. UPCOMING #WACFUNDED EVENTS

- **A.** February 9th-March 9th College Show (Opening February 10th)
- B. Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District Winter Festival (February 18th)
- C. Worcester Knitty Council Committee- meets Sundays @ The Village through June!
- **D.** April 8th Unite through Music @ the Brickbox

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55PM