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

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<td>FACILITATOR</td>
<td>Yasmin Goris</td>
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<td>NOTE TAKER</td>
<td>Lisa Malo</td>
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<td>ATTENDEES</td>
<td>Mitchell Perry, David Filar, Jennifer Riley, George Sedares, Christopher Rich, Nikki Erskine</td>
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<td>GUESTS</td>
<td>Eliza Lawrence (REC), Joy Murietta (Main IDEA)</td>
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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

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<td>WAC-10</td>
<td>Pop It Podcast - Sarah Connell</td>
<td>$1,096.18</td>
<td>APPROVED</td>
<td>FINAL</td>
<td>Reimbursement form submitted for $1099.60; Approving $1,096.18 as invoices add up to this amount</td>
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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 wo $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*