



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

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Southwick Cultural Council

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 21, 2023
Called to Order at 7:13 pm

ATTENDEES:

Susan Kochanski, Pat McMahon, Bruce Kulas, Pauline Thomas, Steve Brudzinski, Cindi Warner

Treasurer's Report:

State: \$2,544.00

\$1,575.00 is committed (Pathways for Parents, Econeba Program, Food Pantry)

\$ 969.00 remaining which will be rolled into 2024 budget for grants

State of Massachusetts will again be budgeting \$8,500 to Southwick Cultural Council for 2024 Grant Cycle.

Local: \$8,432.49

Town: \$2,500.00 budgeted

119.20 remaining from prior year

\$2,619.20

Old Business / New Business

Appointments: Maria Gallo and Pat McMahon's first 3 year appointment will expire on 11/13/23 – they will be reappointed
Bruce Kulas and Steve Brudzinski have already been reappointed
Susan Kochanski will end her second 3 year appointment and will take a year off beginning on 10/5
Ellen Miles is on her 1 year hiatus

Since Susan will need to go on hiatus, a new Chairperson will be needed for the Cultural Council starting 10/5/23. Pat McMahon nominated Cindi Warner to serve as Chair, Bruce Kulas seconded the nomination, all present were in favor.

Barb Westcott. Barb has yet to be reimbursed for the catering of the Art Show. All present thought this was outrageous since the event took place in April. Susan was going to reach out to the town to ask if this could be paid.



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Steve Henderson: Council agreed in the last meeting to fund \$400 for this program to be repeated. This will be funded not from Grant funding, but from our other accounts. Pat McMahon agreed to follow up with Cindy Sullivan to let her know that this was approved.

Grant Cycle 2023

Update: All grants have been paid out with the exception of the following:

- . Pathways for Parents - \$500 – Southwick Library Grant
- . Econeba Program - \$500 – Southwick Library Grant
- . Food Pantry - \$575 – Southwick Food Pantry Grant

We received a nice letter from Cindy Sullivan and pictures from the events held by the Park & Rec Department and the Senior Center and support by 2023 Cultural Council Grants.

Voting Meeting: Date has been set for 11/16/23 (3rd Thursday in November) to review the 2024 Grants.

Art Show 2024

The 2024 Art Show will be held on April 26, 27 and 28, **2024**. Cindi made a motion to accept the date, Bruce Kulas seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Susan asked Cindi Warner to see if she could find contacts at the Southwick Schools to see about getting Student Art for this year's event.

Upcoming Meeting / Events:

Holiday Christmas Tree Event at Town Hall: Pat McMahon asked if we wanted to participate again this year. We could reuse the decorations from last year, and possibly add to them for this year utilizing the same "theme". Bruce seconded Pat's motion and all were in favor. Pat McMahon will sign us up and let us know the timing next meeting.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2023

The Southwick Cultural Council meets the third Thursday of the month in the Conference Room 3, unless otherwise noted.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57 pm