



TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



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Medway Cultural Council

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MINUTES

Tuesday January 17, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Becky Atwood, Angelica Crosby, Cyndy Ellis, Phil Giangarra, Gail Hachenburg, Judith Moffatt, Amna Saeed-Kothe, Karyl Wong, Hazel Warnick, Jordan Warnick

Members Absent: Stuthi Balaji, Crystal Buckley, Valerie Shinas

Gail Hachenburg called the Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

- 1. Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2023:** grammatical corrections were made. Clarifications were requested regarding the content and models for the sculpture (*i.e.*, positioning of stars with one in relationship to the figures and on the library sign (with approval of Library Trustees), the nature of the figures (*i.e.*, their dress, hair style, age, sex, etc.) . These were explained previously by the sculptor and reiterated here. Gail H. made a motion to accept the minutes, Hazel W. seconded it. Minutes were accepted with one abstention.
- 2. Officer's Reports - Treasurer's Report:** Hazel Warnick discussed the Treasurer's report that had been sent out prior to the meeting. She pointed out that the MACC/LCC budget is for a calendar year, not the fiscal year that the town abides by. She noted that all grants that we had approved for funding were subsequently accepted by the MACC and Karyl W. would send out letters to all approved grantees. Gail H. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Cyndi E. seconded; approval was unanimous.

Co-chairs reports

- *Gail Hachenberg* reported that Erin McCarthy (sculptor) had no success with NEFA and a result we will be using some funds from the Hogue Family to help fund her.

- *Jordan Warnick* reported on the T-shirts, Retractable Sign and Tablecloth.
 - Retractable Sign (see below) – the sign from Ad Print is approximately 85"x34" (HxW). The original logo with white background on 'Medway Blue' background will be used at the top. The logo will be the one used on the website and social media (not T-shirt). Jordan will work with Judy and Cyndy to redesign the banner.



- T-Shirt – The design of the T-Shirt continues in progress with the logo size and printing on the back adjusted as requested. A prototype will be secured for a medium and large shirt (\$15@)
- Tablecloth – The tablecloth was previously shown with our original logo. Whether or not a QR code is needed is under consideration (the color will be uniform).



3. **Utility Box Update** - Crystal Buckley: Crystal was not present but related that there was no update because it was not possible to schedule a committee meeting since Rich was not available. It was rescheduled to January 26.
4. **Update on LCC Grants** – Karyl W. indicated that she had sent out the emails with acceptance letters as requested. She had also begun writing material for a press release listing the grants that would be supported and any dates for those activities in and around Medway. Karyl will continue to update the information and submit to Jordan who will work with Valerie and Crystal to post on social media, including to Sandy Johnston for the Town Page) and to local papers (e.g., Medway/Millis Times and Medfield Patch).

Some dates for upcoming events are:

- March 4 – Claflin Hill, Community Night at the Symphony
- March 19 – Medway Community Concert

5. **Priorities for Hoag Donation to MedCC** – Gail H. posed a question to Becky Atwood about whether there were any priorities to the donation by her parents to the council. She related that public art would be particularly appropriate. Jordan W. noted that he was in contact with Catherine Weber of 'Arts on the Trails' and would be having further conversations with her as well as inviting her to a meeting. Becky informed the council that small nature-based bronze figurines along the trails or in a meadow would be good. Becky will be in touch with the Medway Trail Committee (Joanne Williams *et al.*). The funds could also be used to support a festival in town if needed.
6. **Dedication ceremony for Canman Mural** - Jordan Warnick: Liz Langley informed Jordan that there was no need for a dedication since he was paid for the murals. Perhaps that dedication was misunderstood. Cindy E. suggested that 'dedication' was not the right word. Gail H. suggested we let it go and that she will contact the DPW to put out the bench that we donated in the Spring.
7. **Membership Status** - Gail Hachenburg indicated that we need new members. Among those discussed were Barry Schneier (Medway Cable), Mike Cannistraro (CanMan), and Barbara Rice.
8. **Artist Spotlight** – A discussion about finding new subjects for the 'Artist Spotlight' ensued. Among the names mentioned were: Jabbar, Diwali Dancers (Gail will contact); a local magician (Karyl will contact); a 'garden' artist (Mrs. Giangarra whom Phil will contact); Laurie (Medway Library) who is artistically inclined (Gail will contact); Luna's Flowers; Crystal Buckley (a council member and art teacher in nearby school district; a rock painter (Cyndi will contact); Meredith Warnick, a custom fabricator of pocketbooks, wallets, knapsacks (Hazel will contact); John Boardman (J&L Caterers).
9. **Coffee House** - Angelica Crosby discussed the location of the Coffee House to be located in the Willows. We can choose between an entry fee (how much - \$5 or \$10) or the serving of food (\$). The 1st floor room works best as a coffee house; the 2nd floor room has a stage and piano but would need some decorations to warm the atmosphere.

It is felt that this would not be for professional artists, but amateurs or students and an age of 14+ y.o. Such artists would be invited, for example, to do poetry readings, dance, singing, juggling.

There is no target date as there are many issues to work out such as the use of the AV equipment). There is also the possibility of using the Cole Room in the library (it has a capacity of 147) if the library would allow us to charge for entry or sell drinks/snacks.

Another idea is Bingo Night at the Willows. One thought would be to provide residents with 2 free cards as a payment for using the facility (but there was concern expressed that Bingo is not an art form).

Angelica will proceed to get more information.

- 10. Adjourn** – There being no additional business, Becky made a motion to adjourn; Hazel seconded. All present voted unanimously to close the meeting.

**Future Medway Cultural Council Meetings
First and Third Tuesdays of the month @ 7:00 p.m.**

Meetings at the Medway Public Library, Cole Room

Feb 7	Apr 4	June 6
Feb 21	Apr 18	June 20
Mar 7	May 2	
Mar21	May 18	