



TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Medway Cultural Council

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February 15, 2022

Minutes from February 15th MCC meeting

7:00 Pm via Zoom

Members Present: Jordan Warnick, Gail Hachenburg, Hazel Warnick, Phil Giangarra, Judith Moffatt, Celeste Falcone, Karyl Wong, Valerie Shinas, Amy Rochford, Angelica Crosby

Members not present: Rebecca Atwood, Kim Blenkhorn,

Guests Present: Erin McCarthy, Margret Perkins (Director of Public Library), Mike Cannistraro

Minutes from Feb. 1st meeting (took place at 1:17 in the meeting): No corrections made by members

Ms. Moffatt made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Warnick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. **Guest:** Erin McCarthy -Sculpture (20 min.) Margaret Perkins

Ms. McCarthy thanked the MCC for approving her grant to create a bronze sculpture for the town of Medway. Ms. McCarthy spoke about the location of sculpture placement at the Medway library (inside vs. outside). Ms. McCarthy, after touring the library, suggested a space within the children's room for the statue to be placed. Ms. McCarthy spoke about the two themes of diversity/inclusiveness and magical/imaginative as key themes to incorporate in

the statue. MCC members shared their opinions on the vision as to location, which theme should be more prominent and which should be more subtle. Ms. McCarthy and members shared opinions on scale of sculpture, abstract/magical elements as well as realistic elements such as children's faces. Ms. McCarthy lastly discussed limitations of working in bronze and what images work well vs. images that don't translate well in this medium.

Action Item: Ms. McCarthy will send images to Ms. Hachenburg that will give examples of good/bad examples of bronze sculptures. Ms. Hachenburg will send the images to MCC members via email. At next MCC meeting, members will decide if a special meeting is warranted or if Ms. McCarthy will join the next scheduled meeting.

1. **Guest:** Mike Cannistraro - Artist for signal box at entrance of Choate Park (20 min.)

Ms. Rochford emailed sample images to MCC members prior to the meeting. Mike discussed super imposing his images on a photo of a utility box to present at the Select Board Meeting. Mike shared his opinion as to which image would work best. Members discussed having the MCC logo on the utility box. Mike and members discussed their hope that this will be approved so that more boxes could be painted and how best to make the connection to the MCC through publicity. Members discussed possible questions that may come from the Select Board and how best to field these questions.

Jordan made a motion that Amy R. move forward with Mike to present this project (the image that Mike prefers) to the Select Board. Phil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Mike Cannistraro will send to Amy Rochford the superimposed image of his art on the utility box. Amy will give this to Liz Langley prior to the Select Board Meeting.

1. **Officer's Report:** *Treasurer's Report, Co-Chair's Report*

Ms. Warnick sent the report to all members prior to the meeting. Only one check was cut since the last meeting so not many changes to report. Current town funds are \$2390.56 which has to be spent by June 20th. Donation funds left are \$4004.59. State funds left over when factoring in pending checks (pay outs) is \$10360 which is what has been awarded in State grants for this year.

1. **Grant Liaison Report** (Karyl Wong) - update on Grantee's programs

Karyl sent MCC members the event update prior to the meeting. Ms. Wong reviewed with members the upcoming scheduled events. Ms. Wong has reached out to all grantees for dates and is awaiting responses. Mr. Warnick had asked Ms. Wong to incorporate the 4 grants from 2021 which have until the end of the year to occur. The library is not planning indoor events still due to immunocompromised staff members. Covid is still affecting venues and programs.

1. **Black History Month** (Angelica Crosby)

Angelica is working on a virtual Freedom Trail walk which would be broadcasted on Medway Cable Access (waiting for confirmation). A children's art contest in which the winner would receive a gift card to the trampoline park. The theme would be to artistically express admiration for a person important to Black History. For Juneteenth, it appears the event is a go and will be larger than Ms. Crosby originally thought. and will take place at Medway Community Farm. Tentatively scheduled to take place on June 18th. Ms. Crosby is working with Glen on the Select Board. Working to secure an African drumming group from Mali and Ghana. Possibility for MCC to financially support the drumming group. Mr. Warnick is working with IT to create an online application for the community to apply for local funding. Ms. Warnick shared that this process has been taking place without the online application for locals to request state funds.

Action Item: Ms. Crosby will speak to the female contact person for the drumming event to invite her to speak for 10-15 minutes at the next MCC meeting. Ms. Crosby to speak to Mr. Warnick and Ms. Hachenburg about potential grant money from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for festivals.

1. **Word Press Transfer to Square Space /Facebook** (Kim Blenkhorn, Valerie Shinas, Celeste Falcone)

Ms. Shinas shared that she and Ms. Falcone met about coordinating facebook and Ms. Shinas also spoke to Ms. Blenkhorn about the migration. Ms. Shinas needs time to pull everything off of the old website and put up on the new website. Deadline to finish is March 1st. Set up for direct billing.

1. **Signal box project** (Amy Rochford): Discussed during Mike Cannistraro's presentation.
2. **Second Act** (Hazel Warnick): Event is scheduled to take place February 16th via. Zoom. Ms. Warnick already sent in a request for \$1500 payment. Can register on Eventbrite which the link can be found on MCC's facebook page.

3. **Finalization of Photo Contest** (Jordan Warnick)

Mr. Warnick has the final certificates that will go out for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Mr. Warnick shared the images of the winners.

Action Item: Mr. Warnick will send out the letters tomorrow as well as ask Ms. Warnick to request checks.

1. **Annual Report** (Jordan Warnick)

Mr. Warnick sent out the annual report to members ahead of the meeting asking for input by Monday as he would like to get the report to town hall before March 1st. Mr. Warnick sent all members a press release that includes all 14 of the Grantees. Mr. Warnick will send it to the local newspapers. Mr. Warnick is also working on a spreadsheet of past grants, how much was funded, what was not funded which can then be shown to the town as a talking point for what the MCC can do or not do depending on funding. Discussion took place among members around grant vs. local allocation of funds.

Action Item: Mr. Warnick will send the corrected press release draft to members as well as the 3 photos that won the contest.

1. **Topics for future** meeting agendas including a) priorities for 21/22; b) strategies; c) allocation of town/donation funding; d) recruitment of new members
2. **Other Business**: Ms. Wong shared that an artist who was spotlighted by the MCC, Art Lee, passed away from his Louie Body. Ms. Wong spoke to his wife and suggested that the MCC make a tribute to him. Ms. Hachenburg sent a condolence card from the MCC.

Action Item: Celeste will post something on the Facebook MCC page.

Adjourn : *Ms.Hachenburg made a motion to close the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Ms. Warnick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

The listed agenda items are those that are reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all the listed items may in fact be discussed. The Council may address and consider other matters not specified to the extent permitted by law.

Future Medway Cultural Council Meetings

First and Third Tuesdays of the month @ 7:00 p.m. except May and June (see below)

Mar 1 and 15; Apr 5 and 19; May 3 and 24 - (May 17th is the Town Election); Jun 14 and 21 - (June 7 was unavailable)