



Medway Cultural Council
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053



Cultural Council Meeting was held in the Historical Room at the Medway Public Library, Medway Ma.

Date: December 4, 2018. Meeting called to order at 7:21 PM

Attendees: Carla Cataldo, Gail Hachenburg, Karyl Wong, Winnie Nayak, Jennifer Kendal and Mary Weafer.

1. Minutes from November 15, 2018 Meeting.

- Approved November meeting minutes. The minutes were amended with a recusal statement identified by Karyl.

2. Project M wrap Up

The winner of Project "M", which was selected using Google's random number generator, is St. Joseph's Youth Group. The "M" pieces are hanging in the Medway Public Library Conference Room and will also be displayed at one of the 109 plaza storefronts. Carla reported that to display the pieces at the 109 Plaza, the owner of the plaza wanted us to sign a license to evade liability, however the Town signed an amended contract which gives us the ability to display the "M" pieces.

- **Action Item:**

Julie and Carla will arrange a time and location to present the gift certificate to the St. Joseph's Youth Group. T.C. Scoops was suggested as the location site.
Winne will obtain a press release. Phil will hang the "M" pieces at the 109 plaza.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Melissa relayed via e-mail that our current balance is \$2,567.12 after our most recent reimbursements.

Presentations//Ideas for 2019

A. Creative Place making Workshop –Jennifer

Jennifer shared her thoughts that artists need to be involved in various projects throughout the town. She would like to see a face book page, which could feature individual artists, formal groups etc. She discussed the need to identify goals, ideas and collaboration with various local projects such as Summer of Music, Stem and Steam projects, music and science.

- **Action Item**

The CC members will continue to discuss creative place making. Jennifer will provide more details and continue with her research.

B. Mary Weafer, Public Art Project

Mary, who is on the Town Design Review Committee, joined our meeting to discuss her thoughts and ideas about creating an avenue for art murals in town. Mary has her degree in interior design and is a photographer. She has met with Can Man, an artist in town and discussed the idea of painting exterior murals. Although he is interested in the idea, he didn't want to research the steps needed to make this come to fruition. Mary volunteered to undertake this project and has spoken with John Fusco to learn about the various steps needed to proceed with this project. The members of the MCC discussed this project at length and decided to research the possibility of the project and support Mary in this endeavor. The following locations for murals were discussed: Utility boxes on route 109, murals on exterior surfaces of buildings and at Choate Park. Carla suggested a subcommittee to look into the possibility of this project.

Also discussed was that Mary may want to look into creating an Artist Guild since she has made contact with various artists in the community.

****Action Item:***

Mary will continue to look into the mural project and keep in touch with our committee. We will support her in this endeavor. Mary will find out how to locate artists to form/join a subcommittee.

Gail and Karyl will find out how many utility boxes are on route 109 and report back to the CC. Jennifer will research who owns the utility boxes and what the process is to have murals painted on them.

The CC will discuss this project further at our January meeting.

C. Art Week 2019

Carla provided information regarding Art Week. It will take place the last week of April/first week of May. Carla explained that Art Week is run by the state coalition and Medway Cultural Council would set up our town's Art Week. It could involve the churches, schools, Senior Center etc. We discussed then agreed to hold the event at the Thayer House. Dates were reserved. It was also discussed that perhaps we would ask the Board of Selectman for seed money to assist with the event.

****Action item:***

Winnie will contact the person in charge of the Thayer House regarding dates and times.

Karyl will draft a press release to inform all artists in the area about the Art Week so that they can let us know if they want to participate.

Winnie will send out the press release to the local newspaper and face book.

5. Updates:

A. Grant application review & award votes.

Gail reported that the rejection letters were sent out mid November and then the approval letters were sent out at the beginning of December.

****Action item:***

Karyl will send a letter to the grantees to let them know she is the liaison to contact prior to scheduling their events or if they have any questions.

B. Logo

Gail met with two senior high students from Medway, who are drafting two logos for the Council to review. The students plan on sending the drafts to Gail on December 21, 2018.

***Action item:**

Gail will bring the drafts to the January CC meeting for review.

C. BOS memo on funding ideas

The council discussed areas that they would like the BOS to assist with fundraising. The two areas discussed were: Art Week and painting supplies if we are able to paint murals on the utility boxes on Route 109.

The BOS is sponsoring an appreciation evening on Monday, December 10, 2018. Several MCC members have expressed interest in attending.

***Action item:**

Carla will talk with the BOS and send a follow-up memo to them.
Several members of the MCC will attend the BOS appreciation night.

6. 2019 Meeting Dates

Next MCC meeting date: January 3, 2019.

***Action Item**

Gail will contact the Library to schedule the January meeting.

The MCC meeting ended at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hachenburg
Secretary.