

Meeting Minutes
Weston Cultural Council
Town Hall
March 6, 2019
7:00 p.m.

WCC Members Present: Rebekah Lord Gardiner, Anthony Butler, Raquel Halty, Tracy Rosen

1. Call to order

Rebekah Lord Gardiner called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Rebekah noted that since we did not have a quorum the Committee could not vote on any item.

2. Assigning secretary

Raquel Halty was the secretary for the meeting.

3. Resident Comments

There were no resident comments.

4. Review and approve the minutes of February 13, 2019

As there was no quorum, we could not vote on the meeting minutes of February 13, 2019.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Rebekah gave the report based on Tom's notes.
- Emily was following up on Gore Place and Ancient Mariners in order to finalize the reimbursement of both groups. The funds for reimbursement of \$200 and \$400 respectively are encumbered (FY2018 Balance: \$600.00). Once Emily's term is up, Tom will follow up if this issue has not been resolved.
- Susan Kelly, the town accountant, ran an activity report and confirmed that we have a balance of \$4,546.77 available for FY2019.
- The balance given above for FY 2019 reflects only the MCC funds.
- Rebekah stated that she believes that the matching town funds of \$4,500 should be released to us in the near future.

6. Follow up on survey designed by Anthony and Tracy

- There was only a general discussion of the survey.
- Any edits and vote will take place at our next meeting.
- There is some urgency to finalize and send out the survey as a survey should be sent out to residents every three years, and we are two years late.
- As for the dissemination, Kara suggested that we use Google Forms for the survey. Once the survey is ready, we should send it to her. She will then send it out to town residents.

7. Introduction of candidates Frank Parker and Christine Martin

- **Frank Parker**, who was not present, is a retired faculty member from Boston College where he taught courses on real estate in the business program. He has extensive experience as a board member and volunteer for numerous cultural organizations, such as the Hull, MA public library (trustee); the Berkshire Ballet Company (board member), etc. He was also a lecturer with Ron Dellaciosa on our local NPR station on popular music. He is certified by the Council of Real Estate national board and a member of the Appraisal Institute. Frank is also a benefactor of the Albany New York art museum.
- **Christine Martin**, BS in chemistry (Tufts University), who was present at our meeting, described three stages in her career. The first was in biomedical research. The second, which followed, was devoted to raising a family while being very active as a volunteer in Weston. Her activities included 1989-2001 as a member of the PTO's Creative Arts Council, and 1995-1998 as chair of that group.
She always has had an interest in enriching the educational experience beyond the academic curriculum and sharing the benefit of those experiences with wider audiences. She has recently retired from the third stage in her career during which she was Director of Communications at the Rivers School.
- Both Frank and Christine have a wide breadth of experience that dovetails perfectly with the needs and goals of the Weston Cultural Council.

8. Internal communications update: emails

Tom has set up an email account for the WCC:

wcc02493@gmail.com

We should use this e-mail for all our WCC communications.

9. Social Media tools and outreach to town lists for calendar of grants event discussion

There was a fairly extended discussion of the diverse social media platforms and their possible benefits in trying to publicize out grants.

- Anthony reported that he had spoken to Kara about Listservs and social media outlets. Kara told him that anything we want to post to on a listserv or social media should be given to her prior to doing so.
- Raquel will ask Kara:
 - how we can be part of Civic Serve.
 - how we would go about listing this year's grants on the town's web page.

10. Discussion of candidates

There was discussion of all four candidates. Paul Angiolillo and Jacob Sagrans, with whom we met at the February 13th meeting, as well as Christine Martin and Frank Parker. All were considered extremely strong and expressed great interest in the work of the WCC. They all have extensive ties to the arts and skills that will enhance the work of this committee.

11. New Business

- Members of WCC received an email from Justina Crawford of the MCC reminding all Cultural Councils to:
 - a. Gather community input (see item 6 on survey).
 - b. Check our council mailbox for reimbursement requests.
 - c. Host a grant reception.
 - d. Attend the Mass Creative Advocacy Day on March 26, 2019
- Need to vote on the change of date requested by Solstice Sackbuts from October 6 to October 27, 2019.

12. Date for next meeting

April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Rebekah Lord Gardiner adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.