

Meeting Minutes  
Weston Cultural Council  
Town Hall  
August 21, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

WCC Members Present: Anthony Butler, Raquel María Halty, Frank Parker, Jacob Sagrans, Christine Martin, Sue Remkiewicz, Karen Meslin, Paul Angiolillo

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Anthony.

**2. Resident comments**

There were no resident comments.

**3. Assigning secretary**

The secretary for the meeting was Raquel.

**4. Review and approval of minutes of June 12, 2019**

The minutes were approved.

**5. Treasurer's report**

- All the FY18 are complete. That includes Gore Place and Justin Kerwin.
- 4 reimbursements for FY19 have been processed.
- Spellman Museum has been submitted for reimbursement.
- FY19 Grant Encumbrances (not yet reimbursed): \$7,100.00  
Leslie Havens, Land's Sake, Spellman Museum (submitted for reimbursement but not yet reimbursed), Weston Arts and Innovation Center, Weston Drama Workshop, Weston Friendly Society.
- We will need to follow up with the Weston Drama Workshop as they incorrectly submitted by not including the proper acknowledgement to MCC or WCC. We should inquire to see whether they included this somewhere and can send it to us. Everything else is in good order, and this is the last item needed to process.
- Paul has been extremely helpful by meeting with Tom to cosign the reimbursement forms and review the applications for reimbursement.
- Total Balance 08/21/2019 (only FY 2019 accounts and funds) means that in the FY20 Spreadsheet, she already shows the \$4500 from the Town of Weston which was granted to us last year. Tom will report on this at the next meeting once the Annual Report is run with Susan.

## **6. Establishing priorities**

There was discussion of the results of the survey sent to town residents, and agreement regarding the top priorities identified. These were: Community-wide gatherings; Nature, science, environment; Arts education in the schools.

It was agreed and voted that Anthony would write up a description of these priorities and pending a review of the document.

## **7. New business**

- Discussion of possible publicity efforts to attract the highest number of grant applicants. We are not certain that e-mailing campaign that Susan did in the past, produced more applicants. Susan has had results from articles that she published in the Town Crier in the past. She asked for ideas for angles for an article she would like to write and run in the Town Crier in September. We discussed various ideas from 2018 Grant recipients. The article might take the form of a report on how the WCC supports capital expenditures in addition to cultural projects.
- Timothea responded to Anthony's questions regarding whether we could give the grantees their funds up front and whether this would pose issues of accountability. It was thought that perhaps this would simplify things. However, that is not the case. After some discussion it was decided that doing so would create more problems, particularly if someone had received funds and then for some unexpected reason could not go through with their event.
- Anthony pointed out that the AIC has set aside Tuesdays, starting in the Fall, as the day of the week that they can offer space, free of charge, to local non-profits and town committees to use the space. There was some discussion of whether the WCC should host an event for grantees and town residents. No clear decision was made.
- The AIC wanted to explore whether the WCC would approve their use of the grant to purchase "an abridged selection of the items that are on the submitted list..." This would enable them to purchase the essential pieces of equipment to have on hand for their opening month with the purchase of the balance to occur once they are financially able to do so. We agreed that any approval would be contingent upon a submission of a list of items congruent with the original petition. i.e. items that supported computer technology, sound and music equipment etc. Anthony would reach out to Audrey Pepper to explain. Moreover, the WCC would not alter the \$1900 from the 2018 grant request.

## **8. Set date for next meeting.**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15