

Provincetown Cultural Council
Oct. 28, 2013
Provincetown Town Hall

Present: Grace Ryder-O'Malley (chair), Judy Cicero, Robert Speiser, Cherie Mittenthal, Francine D'Olimpio, Brian O'Malley (clerk)

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

There were no public comments.

Minutes of 9/30/13 approved on motion by O'Malley, second Speiser

The Chair reported the resignation from the Cultural Council today, by personal communication, of Tina Trudel.

Ryder-O'Malley reported on prior year grant status. For FY '13, just four grant recipients have yet to complete their reporting and payment request; this is due by the end of December.

For FY '12, it appears from the record, that two organizations which were approved for grants were mistakenly sent rejection letters. Eventide Arts and the Cultural Center, consequently, were never paid the grants. Three other applicants simply never completed their project or requested repayment of expenses totaling \$1225.

On a motion by Speiser, second Mittenthal, the Council voted to pay Eventide Arts \$250 and the Cultural Center of Cape Cod \$900, as per our prior vote; and to transfer the remaining appropriated sum of \$1225 to unencumbered funds.

For FY '11, three organizations that submitted for payment of the grant were never repaid. On motion by Speiser, second Mittenthal, we agreed to pay: Provincetown International Film Festival \$500; Eventide Arts \$250; Castle Hill Center for the Arts \$1000. Another applicant who was awarded \$250, never claimed it; this was transferred to available funds through the same vote.

The Chair concluded that \$5925 represented the funds available for distribution for FY'14 grants. A \$200 expenditure for grant application advertising was reimbursed by the Town, and this was included in the total available.

We reviewed grant applications, twenty-four in total. In serial rounds of polling, we determined that eight would be funded, and distributed the total of the funding as follows:

Provincetown Portuguese Festival	\$400
<i>Provincetown Portuguese Festival Journal</i>	
Provincetown Recreation Dept	\$750
<i>Community Center Mural Project</i>	
Provincetown Recycling and Renewable Energy Comm	\$1000
<i>Town Trash Can Enhancement Program</i>	
Fine Arts Work Center	\$800
<i>Community Art Partners in Education (CAPE)</i>	

Provincetown Theater Foundation	\$1575
<i>Educational Theater Program for Youth & Adults</i>	
Melanie Braverman	\$600
<i>Giving Voice to Those Who Give</i>	
Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill	\$500
<i>Provincetown "Paint the Race" Event</i>	
Peregrine Theater Ensemble	\$300
<i>Billy Shakes Hamlet Tour</i>	

AIDS Memorial-

We reviewed available funds. Some funds- approx. \$3500, from the VSB grant fund were used by the Town for other purposes, and we will seek restitution. Some funding is held by the ASG and Jay Critchley. We believe the total available should be about \$22,000, in contrast with the \$14,791 currently in the fund, and agreed to pursue and collect these funds into a dedicated account.

We will use the MCC website to publicize our RFP, linking to a site we develop, with much more useful capabilities for this project. We will request funding from the Town for the RFP publication; Ryder-O'Malley will develop a proposed budget.

On a proposal from Barbara Rushmore and the Beautification Committee to share some funding for the memorial, with a requirement that water features be included, the Council had consensus to not accept, as we felt we could not impose such a design requirement on the project.

Discussion on proposal for International Arts Festival; the Tourism Board could fund publicity, and we will plan to develop an application for Dec. 2014.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm