

Provincetown Cultural Council  
August 11, 2015 6:03 pm  
Provincetown Town Hall

## Minutes

Present: Grace Ryder-O'Malley (chair), Donald Whitcomb, Judy Cicero, Cherie Mittenthal, Robert Speiser and Brian O'Malley (clerk)  
Excused: Francine D'Olimpio, Bragan Thomas, Robert Speiser

There were no public comments.

Minutes of June 15 and July 7, 2015, on a motion by Mittenthal, were approved as distributed, with a spelling edit only.

### Provincetown AIDS Memorial:

Town Counsel has confirmed the appropriateness of a two stage review process. The PCC will review all proposals, and select a number of finalists- roughly ten to fifteen. These will then be submitted to a much larger group, including all the Arts Commission members (currently four) and others including the ASG.

Financial: We have four accounts at Town Hall; these total \$33,667.99. Additionally, and estimated \$3k from the Crown and Anchor event, and \$1.5k from the ASG. Cicero expresses the hope that we will have \$50k by the fall distribution of the RFP.

We had a budget of \$6300 for advertising in FY15, just ended, but spent only a third of that, the rest is town money. We will request \$200 for FY17 for grant advertising.

### Planned fundraisers:

- Jonathan Hawkins has been soliciting donations for the Memorial at his several performances this summer, and has another show coming.
- Several downtown merchants are reported to be planning a Halloween Party to benefit the Memorial.
- The dance club "Gays for Patsy" has sent a \$100 donation.
- Jay Critchley has promised \$2k from the Swim for Life. O'Malley will contact to confirm.
- Cicero has purchased a number of lockable donation boxes; she will seek to have them in public places such as banks and the library. Ryder-O'Malley will re-design the "billboard" for the boxes.

### Proposed fundraisers:

- Cicero proposes a year-end mailing. The current census is about 2900 people. Even with no return envelopes, this can be costly. To be explored.
- We agree to seek to work with Holly Folly organizers again this year.

-A musical event in a restaurant is proposed by Cicero. Venues are discussed, as are potential performers. Late October is seen as a likely time. She will explore possibilities. Musical contacts should be explored by Members.

The RFP has been revised to reflect the decisions made at the June 15 meeting; copies were distributed.

The Chair reports that our lawn sign was, unfortunately, defaced over Family Week, with markers, and has been removed. We can re-apply for a temporary sign permit.

Grant Cycle:

This year's grant application will close on Oct. 15. Applications on paper are still, this year, the only option. Publicity was discussed; we will seek Banner coverage.

As Ryder-O'Malley's term limit looms, we should be talking to potential applicants as council members.

Next meeting: Tuesday Sept. 1, 6:00, Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 7:03 pm