

Provincetown Cultural Council
May 2, 2016 6:03 pm
Provincetown Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Robert Speiser (Chair), Judy Cicero, Cherie Mittenthal, Donald Whitcomb, Chris Busa, Francine D'Olimpio, and Brian O'Malley (Clerk)

Press: Katy Ward, Provincetown Banner

There were no public comments.

Minutes of Feb. 1, 2016, were approved on a motion by Mittenthal.

Grant application from Kalin Mitov received, will be held pending 2017 grant cycle.
Grant request from Portuguese Festival received; will complete a standard application.

Letter of interest in the Memorial bid from a sculptor; will be notified when RFP is issued.

AIDS Memorial

RFP- Town Manager Panagore agrees to public distribution this week. Correct total of Expressions of Interest is 17.

Deadline for applications to 5 pm Thurs Sept 1. Earlier deadline fell in Carnival Week. Panagore wanted a draft contract included, has agreed that this can be later after selection.

Wants fundraising goal and actual included. Approx. \$50k raised, efforts ongoing. Chair authorized by the Council to make non-substantive changes, to expedite advertising process.

Fundraising:

-No new funds in past month.

-ASG has not yet contributed the \$1500 that has been promised.

-PBG has not yet finished its determination of a promised donation, which was confirmed in an email 4/25

-Cicero proposes a "pop-up store" of quality art, furnishings and jewelry in donated retail space downtown on Masonic Place. John Burrows owns the shop, and has offered for the summer. Cicero will staff part-time. Members will be expected to lead on donations.

-Crown and Anchor will again give a donation.

-O'Malley proposed "crowdsourcing". Council members recall that Town procurement rules have made this legally difficult. A dedicated account would be required. The prospect will be explored by the proponent.

MCC Boston “Kaizen” brainstorming session this week; Speiser will represent PCC. Goal is improving process and procedure for grant cycles. Lodging is covered by MCC.

Online submission of annual cycle applications will be encouraged. Our grants are conditioned on local relevance; it is agreed this should be considered a standard criteria.

Mittenthal reports that MCC funding is in the legislative process presently; the hope is level funding at best.

Speiser met w/ Cultural Council Chairs of Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, Truro to discuss issues in common; they recognized recurring concerns. Plan another meeting in the Fall.

Next meeting Monday June 13 at 6:00 pm, Town Hall.

On a motion, adjournment 7:02 pm.