

Marshfield Cultural Council

Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023
6:30 - 8pm, Marshfield Town Hall

Submitted By: Les Taylor

In attendance:

Carole McCorry	Ned Bangs
Diana Perry	Andrea Miller
Jim McCorry	Susan Sloane
Les Taylor	

The previous meeting minutes (from 11-14-23) was accepted and voted upon unanimously.

Member Responsibilities:

We reviewed & discussed again a list of our council's officer and member responsibilities. We offered corrections & updates in an effort to finalize the list. Carole will update the document and send out to the council for further review. The hope is to have a "final" version to approve at our next council meeting.

Grant Funding:

As stated at last month's meeting, we have \$11,041* available dollars to fund this year's 18 approved grant recipients. We voted unanimously to use these funds to award this year's grant recipients. After reviewing each recipient's grant request, we unanimously approved the following dollar amounts:

Choral Art Society of the South Shore: "Bright Morning Stars" \$400

Winslow House: "We the People" \$700

Marshfield Council on Aging: "The Dickens, You Say" \$500*

Marshfield FACTS: Traveling Canvas Youth Substance Use Prevention \$1,000

Mass Audubon: Sensory Friendly Days \$900

Mass. Educational Theater Guild: School's Drama Festival \$750

North & South Rivers Watershed Assoc.: WaterWatch Lectures \$500

South Shore Art Center: "The Inspired I" \$500

Talking Information Center: TIC Live Radio Theater \$500

The James Library: Fifth Annual Spring Juried Show \$350

The James Library: Artist Marcia Ballou - New Works \$350

Tincknell, Roger L.: "Classic Country" \$630

Ventress Mem. Library: Draw Pokemon Characters \$250

Ventress Mem. Library: Mad Science Wednesdays \$2,461
Ventress Mem. Library: Irish Voices with Stephen Collins \$250
Ventress Mem. Library: Exploring Women's History Through Folk Songs \$250
Ventress Mem. Library: Waterfowl w/ Winterberry Homestead \$250
Ventress Mem. Library: Wampanoag History Past & Present \$500

GRAND TOTAL: \$11,041*

Summer Concert Series:

- Ned Bangs led a discussion on this topic set for summer 2024. As stated in our prior meeting, we currently have \$2,600 from our budget to fund the series.
- Ned proposed the following four dates for the concerts: 7/14; 7/21; 7/28; 8/4. He also proposed the following sites: Harbor Park, Town Green (hosting twice) and the outside back property of the Boys & Girls Club. The Boys & Girls Club's indoor gymnasium is our designated site (once again) in case of inclement weather. Due to the to-be-scheduled "Blessing of the Fleet" annual event and the resulting restrictions of using Harbor Park on that particular day, we determined (due to the projected tide schedule) that the best concert dates for that site would be on either 7/14 or 7/28.
- Ned also said he is working with the Marshfield Recreation Department to transfer some miscellaneous unused donations designated for their former concert series to our cultural council with assistance from Town Hall administration. This could potentially add a couple hundred dollars to our available concert series funds.
- We have the option to request donations from the public for our concert series. Extra funding might also allow us to pursue a food truck/ice cream truck for the concerts.
- Proposed performers discussed: Ben Rudnick (postponed from 2023); Divas with a Twist, the Rusty Skippers Band & Johnny Cash tribute.

Our Council Priorities and Local Guidelines:

We determined that our current mission statement, also known as our Council Priorities and Local Guidelines as listed on our Marshfield Cultural Council website is sufficient as is. As a reference, this is how it currently reads: *The mission of Mass Cultural Council and its local cultural council partners is "to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities."*

The Marshfield Cultural Council supports the state mission and includes the following guidelines: We eagerly review all applications but give priority to projects that benefit Marshfield residents and already have a Marshfield sponsor or venue in place.

*The Marshfield Cultural Council recognizes that there is a great need for the arts in our town (music, art, humanities) and these will receive priority, however the sciences are not excluded from potential grant awards.
We encourage more programs to occur on evenings and weekends, benefitting the maximum number of residents (working adults included).*

The Marshfield Cultural Council encourages programs with a higher degree of participant interaction and engagement. We are looking for diversity in experiences.

SUMMARY: We prioritize awards to programming which represents a diversity of audiences, experiences and are scheduled at various times.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

A unanimous vote was taken to conclude our meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

** **ADDENDUM:** please note that a minor calculation error was discovered by the Treasurer after our meeting concluded in regard to our total available funds for grant recipients this year. This was in the amount of \$140 and was determined by the co-chairs to be added to the Marshfield Council on Aging's program on "Dickens" in order to get that program closer to their requested amount. Instead of \$500 that was designated for that program, their amount has now been upwardly adjusted to \$640. As a result, our total grant funding amount went from \$11,041 to \$11,181. In turn, the amount available for our summer concert series adjusted slightly downward from \$2,600 to \$2,460 as a result of this calculation error.*