

Chelmsford Cultural Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 @7pm via Zoom

Members present: John Mejia, Anne Dumke, Doug Sparks, Barbara Reilly, Sue Jefferson

Minutes from our last meeting were approved by the council.

John started out by reminding us all that his 6 years are up effective June 30th, 2020. He will of course be on call for consultation for whoever takes on his position. He will also put together a folder with all the important information to pass on to his successor.

John gave the treasurer's report. He let us know that the state money for this year's grants had finally been sent so we can start reimbursing grantees who have already had their programs this year.

Doug gave John the final figures from the Chelmsford Center for the Arts. We will be buying the Center a conductor's podium with the remainder of the funds we have. This should amount to about \$850.00

John mentioned that several of the grantees for this year had sent in their paperwork to be reimbursed. Some of them were applying for partial reimbursement due to the pandemic. They will apply for the rest of their grant money once they are able to complete their programs.

John also spoke to Luis Cotto from the State Cultural Council office about whether grantees could apply for their grant money without having done their programs or performances due to the pandemic. The state would like the grantees to have to do at least part of their agreed upon programs in order to get their grant money. Several of the grantees have already sent in revisions in their programs because of the pandemic.

The council voted to approve the revised pandemic plans for programs that several grantees had sent us for approval. All members agreed that their letters were logical and well thought out.

The council members all thanked John for his 6 years of service to the council. During that time, he did a lot of work on the photography contest as well as serving as the treasurer for several years and as co-chair for 1 year.

Sue announced that she would be leaving this year too, effective June 30th. She and John will finish the annual report which is due in late July/August and they will both be on call for any of the remaining council members.

Anne, Doug, and Barbara decided to meet on Wednesday, July 15th on the Chelmsford Common to discuss how to move forward with the council. Sue said she will notify town hall of her leaving and inform them of the Wednesday, July 15th meeting.

The members ended the meeting by thanking both John and Sue for all their efforts while they were on the council.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Jefferson – Co-Chair

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