

July 23, 2018 Swampscott Cultural Council Meeting Minutes, 7-8:39 PM

In attendance:

Houda Amoakuh, Jason Baletsas, Beth Balliro, Jessica Bombardier, Barbara Eldridge, Sara Hepburn, Carolina Velasquez

Absent:

Sara Ewing, Erin Ryan, Debra Lakind, Shayne Spaulding, Amy Faeskorn

1. New Members

The SCC (unanimously) officially confirmed Jason Baletsas & Amy Faeskorn as new members.

2. Distribution of Committee Tasks and Roles

Jessica Bombardier has agreed to begin the process of learning the Treasurer role from Sara Ewing so she can transition into this role in the near future. Thank you Jessica!

Erin Ryan has agreed to be our new secretary.

Carolina Velasquez has agreed to take on our online publicity and Jason will take on the print-based publicity.

Sara H. has agreed to be our report person, and will assess if she will present at Town Meeting in the spring.

3. New structure for supporting awardees

The SCC unanimously voted on a structure in which each committee member will “adopt” a funded project and will, at minimum, send their acceptance letter, check in with contacts to see if the project is progressing, and if possible attend their event as an official SCC presence.

4. Affirming our “funding priorities”

The SCC voted unanimously to adopt the following language for our funding priorities. If a member wishes to further edit the language, they may do so and propose for final voting at our August meeting.

In reviewing proposals for funding this year, Swampscott Cultural Council seeks proposals that promote diverse culture while placing an emphasis on:

- local artists and programs
- new, diverse programming
- programs that will benefit the greatest number of residents
- collaborative programs between artists and local institutions

- programs and events that have acquired additional sources of funding
- programs that are free to the public
- meticulous planning

We will draw from the results of the Swampscott Cultural Council's Summer 2017 community input survey, which identified several funding priorities:

1. Community events and public performances
2. Arts/cultural programming for the schools
3. Nature, science, environmental education projects
4. Public arts projects
5. Supporting cultural diversity

Please note:

Programs funded by the SCC for two years or more will have a lower priority in subsequent years.

Programs or events that take place in schools will be viewed more favorably if additional or follow-up learning will be integrated into the classroom.

Due to limited resources and the interest in providing diverse programming, we are more likely to fund grants between \$200 and \$750.

Other notes: Beth will seek SCC emails for all members.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 29, 7PM

December 10th, 7PM

8:30 Adjourned