

LONGMEADOW CULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024
STORRS LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: Caitlin Cronin called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. In attendance: Caitlin Cronin, Chair; Rowland Hawthorne, Rob Humberston, Thea Katsounakis, Evelyn Pratt, Andrea Schultz and Peter Thomsen. Absent: Stephanie DeAlmeida and Katherine McGonigle.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as of December 11, 2023 as written and was accepted by all in attendance. (Thea abstained).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob did not have a Treasurer's Report.

2023 GRANT UPDATE: Rob said there is \$1,100 left in encumbered funds. The Wilbraham Choral Society received their funds and a balance of \$175 will be paid to the Over Sixty. Once paid, there will be \$925 remaining. The American Legion Fall Festival and Johnny Cash Songs and Stories have not yet requested their funds.

PUBLICITY UPDATE: Andrea said the Longmeadow Cultural Council has a Facebook page.

VOTE ON GRANTS WITH DENIALS: A motion was made to vote on grants with pending denials seconded and passed on the following: Hilltown Families Suggests; I AM; Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors; 2024 Youth Performance Festival; 2024 Program All About the Bard; Sevenars 56th Anniversary Season; Afternoon of Brass #3; SSO Musical Petting Zoo; Puerto Abierto (Rich Port); Longmeadow High School Orchestra Commission Project; Valley Arts Mentorship Program and Webinar Series; Longmeadow Witness Stones Project; and OAKLAND STROKE Concert /Dance. All in attendance listed above approved the motion (except Rob Humberston did not participate in the vote or discussion on Storrs Library request for 2024 Program All About the Bard and PeterThomsen did not participate in the vote or discussion on SSO Musical Petting Zoo).

FINAL REVIEW AND VOTE ON GRANTS WITH PENDING APPROVALS: After a final review of 37 applications pending approvals, a motion was made to vote and approve funding totaling \$14,238 seconded and passed on the following pending approval applications: \$400 Blue Skies Free Concert; \$325 Call of the Wild Outdoor Programming; \$400 Magical Potter's Wheel; \$700 Senior Theater Program Murder at Serenity Acres; \$500 Wilbraham Choral Society Concerts (2); \$300 Henry the Juggler; \$275 Puerto Rican Bomba de Aquí; \$115 Dr. Siebelman Lecture; \$115 Dr. Siebelman Lecture Madame de Pompadour; \$115 Dr, Siebelman Lecture Popes to the People; \$700 Over Sixty Club Concert Series; \$125 Father Philanders Panacea and Vegetable Elixir of Life: A Sampling of 19th Century Cure-alls & Quack Medicine; \$500 Longmeadow Pride Festival; \$1,250 Concert by Jeff Gavioli and His Bad News Jazz and Blues Orchestra featuring Cindy Reed; \$200 West African Drumming; \$800 MOSSO-Springfield

Chamber Players Concert Series; \$500 Painting Seascapes Inspired by Winslow Homer; \$250 Decoupage Oyster Shells; \$250 Valentine's Day String Art; \$700 Music Concert by the Jazz Bones; \$200 Choir Concert on Mental Health; \$175 STEAM; \$300 Nature Bound Workshop; \$300 Welcome Pollinators; \$300 Carols for Dancing; \$200 Valley Rhythm Keepers at Long Meadowe Fall Festival; \$400 Community Music Concert; \$400 Mindfulness and the Arts Mondays; \$400 2024 Holiday Concert Series; \$300 Songs and Stories: Willie Nelson; \$900 Music for the Community. These grants were voted by all in attendance as noted above. *Rob Humberston did not participate on the votes or the amounts for the following grants For Storrs Library: \$183 Wildlife on Wheels; \$350 New England Ghost Stories; \$400 2024 Program Crowes Pasture Concert; \$300 Helping Endangered Species with Joy Marzolf; \$360 Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy; \$250 Read, Renew, Repeat with Robert Rivest.* The grants For Storrs Library were voted by all in attendance except for Rob Humberston as noted earlier.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS; APPEALS AND ALLOCATE GRANT AMOUNTS TO PENDING APPROVALS
(As noted above)

SET MEETING TIME FOR APRIL TO REVIEW COMMUNITY INPUT, PRIORITIES AND GUIDELINES:
Caitlin will send an e mail to set up a meeting in April 2024.

ADJOURN: A motion was made and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea Elizabeth Katsounakis
Secretary