

Nahant Cultural Council Minutes August 30. 2023

Present: Peg Curran, Robert Wilson, Ken Turino, Vi Patek, Tanya Blaich

Absent: Elizabeth Stubbs

1. Approved previous minutes: Motion: Ken, 2nd: Vi
2. General news: Peg showed the flyer she gave out at our booth at the July 15 Market by the Sea which attracted strong attention. We welcomed Robert as our newest member. We signed farewell cards to Regina Chang and Katharina Radlberger. This year we have \$6800 to distribute.
3. Membership: Peg told about a possible candidate, David Sparr. Motion to nominate David: Vi. 2nd: Peg
4. Nahant Village Church Pastor Elliot interested in working with us.
5. Ellingwood Chapel: public comment at Market by the Sea included a lot about Ellingwood Chapel. Peg met with Tony Barletta who said the Town would waive the \$500 fee down to \$100 for Nahant residents, if our Council supported a given event. Kristin Taylor said she would check into the insurance question – Peg asked Tanya if she would follow up with Kristin and Tony on this topic. We need a document from the Town which includes all the options. (Tanya checked and she said the Chapel piano is OK.)
6. Grant applications: start September 1. To do: publicize, seek applicants, hold workshops, hold a public meeting, advertise on Facebook, town website, send out flyers, Johnson School mailings, Ken's email list, Robert's Nahant Arts website list and Historical Society, etc. Talk with Deb Vanderslice for help. October 17 is the deadline for applications. October-December we consider the applications. January 17, we submit our report to Mass CC. Our Council's financial form is due October 17. Question: Should we set aside the maximum we are allowed to keep for our own administrative expenses in the amount of \$275? We agreed to do that. We can set aside 20% for NCC sponsored programs – but we agreed that we should wait a year before we do this. We are just getting started as a team.
7. We discussed setting a guideline for our members to not apply for grants from our Council. Since the deadline for setting a guideline is tomorrow, we will vote yes or no via gmail to wording which Peg will send out to us.
8. Robert Wilson's suggestion: he had a photo show with Bob Fields in the Life Saving Station a few years ago. Those supplies for another show are available. He could encourage Bob Fields to apply for a grant for a show of art by residents of all ages at the Life Saving Station.
9. Next meeting: September 11 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.
10. 7:30 Motion to adjourn: Vi, seconded by Peg.

Submitted by Patek on 9/5/2023 and approved on 11/13/2023.

Respectfully submitted to Town Clerk by Curran on 2/26/2024.