

Nahant Cultural Council Minutes for November 13, 2023 Town Hall 7 p.m.

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

1. Minutes from last meeting accepted: Motion: Turino. Second: Blaich.
2. General comments about our requirements: event must take place in Nahant; if applicant is not a resident, application must include a letter of sponsorship.
3. Amount available for granting this year: \$6516. We also have \$275. for administrative use by our Council.

Applications:

1. FY24-LCC-66522: Organ Harmony Qi Gong: it was decided that the application did not fit our requirements so we voted (Motion: Patek; Second: Stubbs) to offer \$500. for an introductory presentation perhaps followed by a demonstration, predicated on the applicant's expanding the description to include cultural aspects of the topic. Wilson offered to talk with the applicant to explain our position and provide encouragement.
2. FY24-LCC-57461: Origami: we voted for this program. The applicant has informed us that only \$1100. is needed instead of \$1600.
3. FY24-LCC-63548: I AM: we declined this application as the applicant is not a resident.
4. FY24-LCC-62741: Winter Waterfowl: we voted for this program: \$500.
5. FY24-LCC-60074: Nancy Schon: since the program has been cancelled, we unanimously declined this application, but would like to encourage application next year if possible.
6. FY24-LCC-61807: Bird Buddy: we voted for this program: \$300. One member would like more detail on how the video would be accessible inside the Library.
7. FY24-LCC-69093: String Quartet: we all agreed that we do not support the requests for a video (\$1500), instrument maintenance (\$400), or administration (\$1000). Peg moved to approve funding for salaries (4x\$700=\$2800), space rental (\$50), and printing (\$100) for a total grant amount of \$2950. Seconded by Ken.
8. FY24-LCC-60777: Afternoon of Brass: we declined this application as the applicant is not a Nahant resident.
9. FY24-LCC-56681: Nun of This: we declined this request on the grounds that there have been several consecutive requests by the applicant.
10. FY24-LCC-70932: 100 Years: we declined this request as the applicant is not a Nahant resident.
11. Conclusion: we agreed (motion: Turino, second: Patek) that \$1166 would not be disbursed this cycle.

Further business:

1. We agreed that our standards must include invoices/receipts to be submitted to us before payments are made; a report by the applicant detailing number of people attending, etc. This will need to be added to our website, etc.
2. New member: we are waiting for our Town Administrator to appoint David Sparr. Curran will ask at Town Hall to learn about the status of this candidate.
3. Publicity: we need to do more publicity about our work. Mailing, newspaper article in Daily Item, event at Library or Serenity Room, facebook (we already did that). We need money to do

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publicity and we could ask for donations to our Council for that purpose. We discussed how to get donations. This topic needs further discussion.

4. Patek will ask Nancy Cantelmo about past presentation at Library about Native Americans.
5. Blaich expressed concern about difficulties people are having in filling out the application. Patek suggested including a "How to fill out this form" document as is done with federal and state forms. Patek and Blaich offered to work on this.
6. Next meeting Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.
7. Adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Patek on 11/16/2023 and approved on 1/22/2023.

Respectfully submitted to Town Clerk by Curran on 2/16/2024.