

Acton Town Hall, Room 121, meeting opened at 7:35 p.m.

Attendees: Beth Davis, Sheila Hanrahan, Linda Mayer, Kristie Rampton, Sunanda Suhay, Dawn Wang,

Absent: Palma Cicchetti, Nancy Evans, Ramika Shah

Sunanda moved to approve Minutes 2015/12/08. Beth Davis seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve.

No public comments.

Window Seat Magazine applied for a \$500 grant, \$356 was awarded under Mass Cultural Grant. Kristie informed them that we'd be funding the difference with funds from Acton and/or Boxborough funds.

Mass Cultural grant awarded to AB Proscenium Circus for mask making cannot be accepted because the artist cancelled and a replacement cannot be found.

Acton Community Chorus contacted Kristy because they did not use the full \$700 awarded in 2014 asking if the unspent funds could be used for the 2015 concert. This is not allowed and the unspent funds must be returned to ABCC.

Mass Educational Theater Association grant application was denied because the grant application was too vague. Kristie asked for more specifics on activities, i.e. number of students who would be attending, the number of one act plays AB chooses to enter, and that those activities could be funded from Acton and/or Boxborough funds. No objections from Committee to pursuing this.

Cicely Knight applied for grant for making robots at Gates. There is an opportunity to grant additional funds of \$145 to reduce the number of children working on a robot. This would support 5 additional children. Linda made a motion to fund \$145, seconded by Kristie. Unanimously approved.

Acton Department of Recreation requested \$1000 for Chinese Music Night, a free event. The original application from Mass Cultural Council was received after the deadline. Committee discussed funding from Acton Funds, Kristie will contact them to see if there are any additional funding sources.

Sheila will get contact information for Fifers Day to determine if there are areas where they can use support. ABCC would like to sponsor a bench, plaque, tree, etc. Could they work with town and

Kristie has booked Acton Town Hall Room 204 for 4 dates for films: April 29, May 6, May 13, and May 20. Beth investigated getting a banner made to advertise the film series, Kristie will design the banner. Town of Acton does not charge a fee to display a banner. Kristie made a motion to approve \$400 to fund a banner, seconded Linda. The vote was unanimous to approve. Committee still choosing films, less than 2 hours in length and award winning. Linda will do the marketing of film series: ABCC web site, social media, Boston Globe Calendar, Middlesex

Calendar, Action Unlimited, Acton Town Calendar, COAs. Kristie will create a sandwich board for West Acton. Will distribute fliers. Also promote with ABHRS English Dept. and Theatre group.

Sunanda booked Annual Reception on Friday, April 1 at the Boxborough Library. Need to apply for a one day liquor license from the Boxborough Board of Selectmen. Kristie to check with Trader Joes to see if they can donate flowers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.