

ABCC Approved Minutes 2017/01/09

Acton Town Hall, Room 121, meeting opened at 7:38 p.m.

Attendees: Palma Cicchetti, Nancy Evans, Sharon Garde, Sheila Hanrahan, Linda Mayer,  
Diana Nestorova, Sunanda Sahay, Dawn Wang

Absent: Suman Adishesu, Beth Davis, Ramika Shah

Sunanda moved to approve the Meeting Minutes 2016/12/12. Linda seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

No public comments.

No Treasurers Report presented.

Sunanda reported that all MCC grant applicants have been notified. Sunanda suggested we do not renew the mailbox this coming June. She suggested we ask the Acton Hall for a mail cubby since the majority of the grant applications are now received electronically via the Mass Cultural Council web portal. Sunanda was not able to complete the report due to the crashing of the MCC web site.

Sunanda proposed granting an additional \$1 to the Fitzgerald piano (Grant #1711), motion seconded by Nancy. Motion unanimously approved.

### **Grantee Reception**

Sunanda proposed the date of Friday, April 7 for the reception. Sunanda suggested sending the majority of invitations via Evite and only send paper invitations to those who require a hardcopy. Palma volunteered for Lead Role for Grantee Reception. Sunanda will ask Ramika to reserve the room in the Boxborough Library. The Council needs to get a liquor license from Town of Boxborough and create the guest list to determine whether there is room to invite chairs from nearby towns' cultural councils. Palma will contact Kristie to see if she would like to volunteer to work on this year's grantee reception.

Palma suggested creating a calendar of events sponsored by ABCC. Discussed creating events on the ABCC Facebook page. Dawn will update the ABCC Facebook page with the ABCC sponsored events.

### **Mentalist/Illusionist**

Sunanda proposed sponsoring a Mentalist show for \$2000, funded by the Acton Town funds so it would be open to the public, free of charge. Linda raised the question whether this show is cultural. Diana stated she thought this show would be popular and would give publicity to ABCC. If the event was held at the High School, ABCC would need to pay for janitorial services. Linda proposed postponing voting on this proposal until after the discussion of Acton Town funds.

### **Foreign Films and Short Film Night**

Nancy discussed the criteria the committee used for selecting a film. Beth, Todd, Greg and Nancy have each selected four to six films, three films will be selected for the film series. Todd

is reaching out to local colleges and universities for short films (less than 15 minutes) made in 2015 or later. All short film entries must be submitted by March 31. Short films will be selected on April 5, the candidate short films will be shown at the Jr. High School on that date. The short film night will be April 28 in the Acton Town Hall auditorium. The Acton Town Hall auditorium has been reserved on May 5, 12, and 19 for the films. Beth is in charge of publicity, the banner will be hung in Boxborough and the Acton Highway Department light boards will be used for publicity in Acton. Nancy made a motion to grant \$250 to fund the 2017 film series, motion seconded by Sharon. Motion unanimously approved.

### **Website Update**

Suman was the webmaster for the ABCC website for six years. The website is several years out-of-date and updating it is very time consuming. Christina created a new version of the website in WordPress however it is unclear whether these pages can also be hosted on WordPress. Sunanda will send out an email to the group identifying the information we currently have posted on our web site. Diana will get in touch with Kate Gilbert, who created and maintains the Rotary's Masquerade Ball website, to get quotes for creation and maintenance. Sharon volunteered to maintain the WordPress pages if we go that route.

### **Acton and Boxborough Town Funds**

Dawn discussed her meetings with the Friends of the Acton Arboretum for the Acton Gardens and site visits to the Arboretum. The proposed idea is to fund a Chinese bridge on a 114 foot path over a brook. This proposal was well received by the Friends of the Acton Arboretum. This project would be a several year endeavor; the Friends of the Acton Arboretum will be applying for a CPA grant in October 2017. The total estimated cost is \$7000 to \$8000, which includes design, construction, and building materials. The cost of the bridge would be approximately \$2000 and would be maintained by Friends of the Acton Arboretum. Nancy discussed whether we could earmark a specific amount of funds for the project over the next two years. Dawn will prepare a written proposal for Acton funds for the February 6 ABCC meeting.

### **ABCC Table Cloth**

Dawn stated that the tablecloth would be navy blue – one end would have “Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council” in white lettering, the other end would have the ABCC logo in yellow and white. The goal is to have the table cloth for Grantee Reception. The approximate cost is between \$160 and \$200.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.