

ABCC Approved Minutes 2017/12/04
Boxborough Library, Meeting Room
Meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

Attendees: Natalie Dawn, Tal Dassau, Nancy Evans, Sharon Garde, Sheila Hanrahan, Karen Myers, Diana Nestorova, Ramika Shah, Sunanda Suhay, Dawn Wang

Absent: Suman Adishesu, Palma Cicchetti, Linda Mayer

There were no public comments.

No treasurers report was presented.

Sheila moved to approve Minutes 2017/11/06 and 2017/11/20. Nancy seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve all minutes.

Grant Application Review

#1802/10794 Learning History Through Wigs Sunanda presented the application to fund \$260 for a wig specialist for the “Son of Liberty” play. The wig specialist will explain hairstyles for each period. Sharon made a motion to fund \$260 from MCC Funds, Sunanda seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

#1804/11010 Combating Hate and Prejudice requested assembly at the RJ Grey. Sharon followed up with them regarding an event date of May 30. Sharon made a motion to fund \$350 from MCC Funds, Sheila seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

#1808/11897 Thus We Sing: Songs of Spring, Love and (Some) by Nashoba Valley Chorale Sharon made a motion to increase the grant award to \$500 from MCC funds, seconded by Ramika. Motion unanimously approved.

#1810/12232 The Marble Collection, Inc. (TMC) is requesting \$500. Sheila made a motion to deny funding, Dawn seconded. Motion unanimously approved to deny.

#1813/12812 Sticks, Bricks and Arches at the Discovery Museum has requested \$3000 to fund the creation of a permanent visual exhibit to teach children about architectural concepts. Ramika made a motion to deny funding, seconded by Diana. Motion unanimously approved.

#1818/ 13177 Eye-Tracking Acton-Boxborough Biometric tools to understand behavior & walkability. AB PIP Stem and Discovery Museum partnership. Requested \$700 grant. The 2010 grant won MCC ‘Gold Star’. Diana made a motion to grant \$400 from MCC funds, seconded by Sunanda. Motion unanimously approved to grant \$400.

#1820/14016 Let the Landscape Speak Request for \$250 for a talk on indigenous ceremonial stone structures from a preservationist for children over age 12 and adults. Talk is scheduled to be held at the Acton Memorial Library but still no specific date has been set beyond Oct/Nov 2018 from either the applicant or the Acton Public Library. Diana made a motion to deny the grant, seconded by Ramika. Motion unanimously approved.

#1823/14464 Hip Swayers Trio Concert has requested \$300 for a 90 minute performance at the Acton Farmers Market. Dawn made a motion to grant \$300 from the Acton Town Funds, seconded by Sheila. Motion unanimously approved.

#1824/14912 Leland Faulkners Visions of Peace has requested \$350 for single performance at McCarthy-Towne school for 400 students. This is partially funded by the PTO. Dawn made a motion to grant \$300 from the MCC Funds, seconded by Sunanda. Motion unanimously approved.

#1825/14933 "Dyeing to Wear It" has requested \$525 for a silk scarf dying project at the Acton Library for 15 people. Dawn made a motion to grant \$150 from the Acton Town Funds, seconded by Karen. Motion unanimously approved.

#1828 / 15597 Steel Farm Photography Contest has requested \$525 to pay for prizes for top 3 winners and supplies. Sharon made a motion to grant \$200 from the Boxborough Town Funds and \$325 from MCC funds, seconded by Nancy. Motion unanimously approved.

#1831/ 16112 Passages: Exploring the Migration of Music is requesting \$400 for an event for 400 students at McCarthy Towne Elementary School. Ramika made a motion to fund \$400 from the MCC funds, Sunanda seconded. Motion unanimously approved to fund.

#1833/16324 Student Matinees at Merrimack Repertory Theatre has requested \$200. Nancy made a motion to grant \$200 from the MCC funds, seconded by Sheila. Motion unanimously approved.

#1834/16442 18th Annual Robert Creeley Award activities has requested \$600 to poet Mark Doty for materials and other expenses the 18th Robert Creeley Award. Sunanda made a motion to fund \$456 from Acton Town Funds, seconded by Ramika. This motion was rescinded. Ramika made a second motion to fund \$456 from MCC funds, seconded by Sunanda. Second motion unanimously approved.

#1835/16730 Release Your Inner Artist has requested \$500 for a pastel painting project at the library. Karen made a motion to fund \$150 from MCC Funds, seconded by Dawn. Motion unanimously approved.

#1836/16864 Collaborations: The Concord Orchestra has requested \$500 to fund the ‘Glorifying the Human Spirit’ concert series. Ramika made a motion to fund \$250 from the MCC funds, seconded by Sheila. Motion unanimously approved.

#1841/ 18280 5th EBT \$1 Admission from the DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum has requested \$300 to fund a \$1 admission program for families struggling financially. Dawn made a motion to fund \$200 from MCC funds, seconded by Karen. Motion unanimously approved.

#1842/18835 Haydn Lord Nelson Mass Concert requested \$500. Nancy made a motion to grant \$200 from the MCC funds, seconded by Sharon. Motion unanimously approved.

#1843/19011 Songs of East India Influenced by the Mystic Minst requested \$450. Sunanda made a motion to fund \$250 from MCC funds, seconded by Dawn. Motion unanimously approved.

Update on China Garden from Dawn. Two field studies were conducted and meetings held with the Friends of the Arboretum. The field study results were presented to the Chinese school. Surveys were sent out and 120 were returned. Fundraising raised \$6600 from Chinese School, members of the Chinese community, and anonymous donors. Completed plant list which was approved by Friends of Arboretum, the total cost is 14,000. The group applied for \$14,000 from CPC funds by end of October. Dec. 6 will be a wetlands hearing. The CPC grant request will be voted on at the annual Acton Town meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.