

Longmeadow Cultural Council
Longmeadow MA
Minutes of the January 25, 2021 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Peg Landon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Peg read the current meeting regulations from Governor Baker due to the Covid virus. We are meeting remotely by telephone or video via Zoom. This meeting may be recorded. Peg did a roll call of the LCC and all Council members were in attendance: Peg Landon, Caitlin Cronin, Rowland Hawthorne, Rob Humberston, Thea Katsounakis, Katherine McGonigle, Evelyn Pratt, Andrea Schultz and Peter Thomsen. Peg welcomed Evelyn as our newest Council member.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob announced that the total we have for funding this year is \$11,712.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's Report as of November 9, 2020 was accepted.

EXTENSION REQUESTS FROM 2020 GRANTEES: The following is a list of 2020 grantees that have requested extensions into 2021: Fred Sokol \$300; Kristen Flanagan \$150, Longmeadow Over 60 Club \$600; Longmeadow Park and Recreation \$659; Trio Candela \$350 and Stephen Henderson \$750 (all totaling \$2,809). There was a vote and a motion was made to accept the requested extensions into 2021 and seconded. It was a unanimous vote and approval.

MITIGATION REQUEST FROM A 2020 GRANTEE: There was a mitigation request from Maichack Arts /Gregory Maichack (for his Miracle Flowers workshop in the amount of \$350.) The program (for 2020) was cancelled and he asked for the full amount of \$350. After discussion Council members indicated they were not in favor of a mitigation payment. A vote was taken and a motion made to offer Mr. Maichack an extension to go to 2021 with his program for the \$350, seconded and passed. Peg Landon, Caitlin Cronin, Rowland Hawthorne, Rob Humberston, Thea Katsounakis, Evelyn Pratt, Andrea Schultz and Peter Thomsen approved. Katherine McGonigle abstained.

BEGIN REVIEWING 2021 GRANT APPLICATIONS: The LCC received 30 applications and at tonight's meeting reviewed 9 applications. 7 of the 9 applications were given tentative funds totaling \$2,100. These will be reviewed again at our final meeting to give final approval on the amounts of the grants. Our next meeting to review applications is February 1, 2020 via Zoom at 5:00 pm. We plan to review the remaining applications and have a final meeting February 8.

OTHER BUSINESS: The denial letters must be sent by February 13 and the Annual Report is due March 1st.

ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea Elizabeth Katsounakis, Secretary