

LONGMEADOW CULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Peg Landon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Peg did a roll call of the meeting and the following were in attendance: Peg Landon, Chair, Thea Katsounakis, Katherine McGonigle and Evelyn Pratt. Rob Humberston called in. Absent: Caitlin Cronin, Rowland Hawthorne, Andrea Schultz and Peter Thomsen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as of January 10, 2022 and was approved and accepted as written. Report approved by LCC in attendance as listed above.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob gave the report. Funds from Town received in the amount of \$2,000.00 with no balance remaining. \$10,896.41 left from Massachusetts Cultural Council. All requests to date have been processed. There is \$2,806.18 from donations which came in from 3 events the LCC sponsored prior to the Covid Pandemic. Briefly discussed doing another social event at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS: Status of extended grants – 2021 Senior Theater, This took place with two performances and Senior Theater very appreciative to the LCC. Dr. Jesse Green -Green Machine, venue all booked up. 2022 – Never heard from Kristin Flanagan. By end of June Trio Candela will happen.

NEW BUSINESS: Community Survey: Evelyn spoke on this in place of Caitlin. Some Survey questions: Have you heard of the LCC, what we do, or applied for grants. Publicity: Andrea put a very nice article in the May 12th Reminder about the LCC and the grants awarded showing the recipients and listed the names of the Longmeadow Cultural Council. Facebook: Evelyn said Facebook will now be easier to share, i.e. survey. Evelyn will email link to survey. Summer Cultural Council Events and Reimbursement Process: LCC Events with Confirmed Dates: 4/24/22 St. Andrew's Organ Concert, 6/5/22 St. Mary's Organ Concert, 6/7/22 Family Letters, 6/13/22 Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy (if it rains he will move inside with Shadow Puppet), 6/27/22 Happier Valley Comedy, 7/9/22 Impromptu Magic, 7/10/22 St. Mary's Concert, 7/15/22 Dyeing to Wear It, 7/18/22 Pastel Paint, 7/20/22 Science in Motion, (2 day event at Storrs), 8/13/22 The Places You Go, Summer Reading Performance, 11/9/22 Overlooked Municipal Records. Events with Dates to be Determined: Spring 2022 Songs and Stories, Maker Space Build Along, Spring-Fall 2022 Writer in Residence, Summer 2022 Mindfulness Matters, Jeff Gavioli Concert on the Longmeadow Green, Summer Fall 2022: Cultural Diversity, Fall-Winter 2022 Magical Potter's Wheel and Ongoing: Longmeadow Over 60 Club Music and Lecture Series. Rob is doing the reimbursements for the summer. Term Expirations: Peg asked whose term is expiring this year (terms are 3 years). Evelyn said her term is and went through the renewal process.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Arts Funding Action Alert—Urge your State Senator to Co-Sponsor Amendment #135 to increase Mass Cultural Council's FY23 appropriation to \$27 million, an

Increase over the Senate Ways and Means proposed \$22 million for arts and culture. E mail your State Senator to support co-sponsor Senator Kennedy's Amendment #135.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea Elizabeth Katsounakis, Secretary
Longmeadow Cultural Council