



Holliston Cultural Council Minutes

Date: June 17, 2020

Time: 7:02

Present: Emmanuel Franjul (chair), Kent Kissinger, Richard Morse, Steve Durning, Malini Rao (all via Zoom); Alecia Thomas (observing); Absent: Laurie Edwards.

The Chair called the Meeting to order with a roll call. Manny read the rules and procedures for the Zoom recording.

We reviewed and approved the minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting.

Old Business:

Steve described the writing contest's final development, mentioning the Holliston Reporter article, and giving some thoughts about what might happen next year.

We reviewed the status of our new member-to-be. Alecia Thomas. WE have not received her approval from the Selectmen but assume it will arrive.

We went over our successful campaign to enlist two high school students onto our board. Manny invited them to say hello at this meeting but there was a conflict with an high school award ceremony. They will say hello at our next meeting.

New Business:

Kent will tell Leslie McDonald at the library that it is all right that those who got grants to do their programs in the library can do them at a different time and/or in a different format than they stated in their grant proposal. The pandemic protocols have made this flexibility necessary. Manny has been in touch with the grantees involved.

The school play will not happen until next year. The HCC will hold their funds for them.

We discussed Richard and Kent's statuses. This will be Richard's last meeting. We will miss him greatly. Kent still has a year to go.

Malini volunteered to be the next treasurer. We voted unanimously to accept her generous offer.

Claflin Hill still wants their money even though they're not doing the concert they proposed. They had incurred expenses when the pandemic arrived and altered their plans. We agreed by roll call vote to grant them the \$300 we had agreed to in support of their organization in general. We will make the condition that they recognize our support at a future event. We will make clear that our proceeding this way is only because of the special circumstances caused by the pandemic. Richard and Malini will make the payment together so Malini can see how this is done. The question arose: has Claflin Hill done the necessary paperwork to be reimbursed? Manny will contact Bernadette at Claflin Hill.

Richard asked, was the Holliston Dancing Art Center Nutcracker proposal for December 2019 or December 2020? We thought it was going to be 2019. If so, they need to ask for a reimbursement. Alecia will contact the Dancing Art Center people.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Our next meeting will be July 15, 2020.