



Westfield
CULTURAL COUNCIL



Minutes from January 9, 2018

Attendees:

Sylvia Abar (member)
Becky Blackburn (scribe)
Morgan Drewniany (member)
Barbara James (member)
Kathy Martin (member)
Candy Pennington (Treasurer)
Holly Robbins (member)
Amy Tosi (chair)
Barbara Trant (member)

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Public Participation: Council Member Andrew Surprise is present and announces he is the new Liason for the WCC.

No new Treasurer's report to review. Motion to accept Treasurer's report for November from Amy Tosi, second by Barbara James.

Kathy Martin moves to accept Minutes from the December meeting, Morgan Drewniany seconds.

Amy Tosi amends that applicants are given 15 days to rebut our funding decisions, not the 30 days originally thought. If there is an appeal an emergency meeting may be called.

A discussion is held about how to engage the public as a council in 2018. Sylvia Abar passed out fliers from the Agawam Cultural Council which listed activities

sponsored by them. Morgan Drewniany will reach out to the Agawam Cultural Council and ask about these fliers.

Amy Tosi brings up the Grant Writing Workshop and if we should do it again. The general consensus is positive. It is suggested that the Grantee Reception be earlier in the Spring for better attendance. There is further discussion on WCC presence at events and getting the surveys done earlier. There is interest in increasing diversity, specifically citing outreach to the Hispanic population.

The idea of creating a brochure explaining our purpose is received positively and a tentative date of June is established.

There is a Cultural Council Summit for Massachusetts on March 18 in Worcester.

Amy Tosi brings up responses to the survey: Artwalk was very popular and Artworks is interested in doing it again, in partnership with WOW. Would WCC be interested in being volunteers for the event? Response is positive. Andrew Surprise will talk to Artworks about Artwalk.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:09 p.m.