

Meeting Minutes
Weston Cultural Council
Online via Zoom
June 24, 2020
7 p.m.

WCC Members Present Online: Anthony Butler, Tom Kilgallen, Paul Angiolillo, Christine Martin, Jacob Sagrans.

1. Call to order.

Chair Anthony Butler called the online meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and began recording the proceedings. He read the Town policy for online remote meetings which provides protocol for setting up these meetings and guidelines for conducting a meeting from a legal compliance perspective.

2. Resident comments.

There were no online resident comments. Anthony welcomed Sonali Tambe, a candidate for membership on the WCC to the meeting

3. Assigning secretary

Chris Martin was the secretary for the meeting.

4. Review and approve the minutes from May 20, 2020

The minutes from May 20, 2020 were duly reviewed, and approved. They will be submitted to Town Hall and posted in the Council's Google document folder.

5. Treasurer's report

Tom reported the current financials for the council:

FY19 BALANCE ENCUMBERED \$1,900.00 - This is for the Weston Arts and Innovation Center which has now submitted their reimbursement which will be processed soon.

FY19 BALANCE AVAILABLE \$125.00 - To be used for administrative purposes.

FY20 BALANCE ENCUMBERED \$9,258.00 - These are the funds that we awarded for 2020 and will be reimbursed as programs apply.

ACCUMULATED INTEREST \$75.02 - usually applied to following year available grant monies.

Total Balance as of 6/23/2020 \$11,358.02 - The amount in the WCC account with the Town of Weston that comprises all money summarized above - the total.

He also noted the payment to the Spellman Museum for their FY19 grant has been processed by Town Hall. The FY2020 grants have been entered into the town's system. Tom will keep an eye out for the payment requisition from Regis College for the Black History art exhibit in February.

6. Check In: Status of 2020 grants

Members reported on the various organizations/performers with whom they've been in contact.

- Paul talked with Margaret Wiss about her dance performance at the AIC, which has been postponed. She was wondering if the money would be held over into FY2021.
- Tom reported that the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra cancelled the last two concerts of the 2019-20 year, but the first three of the season were held and incurred expenses that could be covered by their grant.
- Chris contacted Gore Place which is planning to hold the two women's history performances online, as they have been doing with other events. She will ask for an accounting of how the grant money would be used toward that end.
- Chris said Ruth Harcovitz plans to give her performance of WWII songs when possible.
- Jacob said that the Golden Ball Tavern has requested that their grant for research be used toward the online version of the exhibit they were planning for the tavern.
- Jacob said the Indian Dance and Music Concert is planning to perform online. They had sent him a list of budget items to be covered by the grant.
- Anthony said that the Lands Sake programs are on hold until the public school reopening plans are known since the programs are for field trips

It was agreed that members should contact their assigned grantees for proposals of how the grant monies would be used for programs that have been altered by the pandemic restrictions, rather than granting the monies up front to be spent at each organization's discretion.

7. Q and A with candidate for WCC

Anthony asked the current members of the Council to introduce themselves and offer a brief summary of their connection to the town and to the WCC. Sonali Tambe shared her own background, which includes extensive professional experience in local government, as well as her longstanding interest and training in classical Indian music. She explained she was new to Weston and anxious to become involved in the town through the arts.

8. New Business

Anthony reported that the Select Board requested that the Council consider approving two new positions on the council, rather than the single position that is currently open. There are two candidates who are interested in joining the Council. Members discussed the terms of office for current members and agreed that it would be helpful, given the three-year term cycle, to have more than one new member join the Council this year. The members voted to approve two openings. Anthony will report to the Select Board so they can use that information in appointing new members at an upcoming meeting.

Paul noted that the article he submitted to the Town Crier listing the grant recipients had appeared in print in February but had not been posted online. He will check with Kara about posting the content on the town and/or council website. He requested that

members report any updates about FY20 programs to him so he can post that on the website and submit an update to the Town Crier when he has a sufficient amount of information about grants to share with the public.

9. Next meeting date and adjournment

The next meeting will be held online on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.