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Approved 4/20/23

FCC Meeting Minutes 1/5/23

This meeting was held at the Freetown Police station in the meeting/community room.

Present were Nicole Davignon, Jeannine Ludocivitz, John Remedis, Sara Dudley, Courtney Brightman, Jay Michaels and Abby Michaels from the Council. Also present were Grace Mederios and Diane Balestracci from the Freetown Senior Club.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

The minutes from the previous meetings were read and unanimously approved.

There was a discussion about passing the annual Tree lighting event over to the selectmen. No further action on this was taken.

The council then went on to discuss the 2023 grant applications. Council treasurer Courtney went over the available funds from the treasury. The council received \$7,300 from the state and had \$6,300 available (unencumbered) and so had a total of \$13,600 available in total for grants for fiscal year 2023.

Nicole Davignon put the list of grant applicants on the projector from the MCC grant page. There was a total of \$18,000 requested so we could not fund all requests in total.

Because there were members of the Senior club present, we had a unanimous vote to discuss that grant first. Grace Mederios and Diane Balestracci spoke briefly about the Freetown Senior Club and what the funds requested were for. Nicole made a motion to fund the club the full amount of \$1960, Sarah seconded and that passed unanimously.

Grace Mederios and Diane Balestracci then left the meeting.

The Council had a short discussion of our guidelines for grantees on our MCC page and also what criteria to sort the grants into. We then sorted the grants on the whiteboard according to those (a primary list for those who best fit the criteria and a secondary list). The votes were as follows:

0. **Story Explorers - Karen Chace - \$1,205 Unanimously approved for the full amount requested**

- 0. Aerodynamic S.T.E.M. Workshop - Edward Cope - \$450.
Unanimously approved for the full amount requested
- 0. Open House - Freetown Historical Society - \$750 Unanimously
approved for the full amount requested
- 0. Senior group excursion - Freetown seniors club - \$1,960.
Unanimously approved for the full amount requested
- 0. 2023 Lakeville Arts & Music Festival - Lakeville Arts Council -
\$400. Unanimously approved for the full amount requested
- 0. Guys & Dolls Live Theatre - Little Theatre of Fall River - \$700
Unanimously declined for this year.
- 0. Once Upon A Generation - Andrea Lovett - \$1,200. Unanimously
approved for the full amount requested
- 0. Entertainment & Education Event - David Maloof - \$450
Unanimously approved for the full amount requested
- 0. Schubert Symphony Premiers - Mayflower Camerata & Chamber
Orchestra - \$800. Unanimously declined for this year
- 0. Always Remember Showcase - Marilyn Morales - \$850.
Unanimously declined for this year
- 0. New Bedford Festival Theatre Summer Academy - New Bedford
Festival Theatre - \$850 Unanimously approved for the full amount
requested
- 0. On The Way to Creativity at your library - New Bedford Museum
and art center - \$1000. A vote was taken to decline funding this year (Nicole
abstained from voting for this)
- 0. Notable Blend Chorus - Notable Blend Chorus - \$400.
Unanimously approved for full amount requested
- 0. Forensic Fingerprinting at the Library - Science and Engineering
Educational Development - \$522. Unanimously approved for the full amount
requested
- 0. The Tragedy of Carmen - Seaglass Theater Co \$400 Unanimously
approved for the full amount requested
- 0. Let's sing a song of Joy - Sippican Choral Society - \$250
Unanimously approved for the full amount requested
- 0. Music at Soule Homestead - Soule Homestead - \$500
Unanimously approved for full amount requested
- 0. SCCT presents The Addams Family - Southeast Children's Theater
- \$500. Unanimously approved for the full amount requested
- 0. Carols of Christmas & Radio Time Machine - Southeastern Mass
Festival Chorus - \$1,500. A unanimous vote was made to partially fund this
grant in the amount of \$600

0. **Outcomes - Special Needs Advocacy Network - \$500 Unanimously approved for the full amount requested.**

0. **Porch Concerts at 2023 East Freetown Grange Farmers Market - East Freetown Grange #307 - \$1,000 Approved for the full amount requested**

0. **Greater New Bedford Choral Society's 22-23 Season - Greater New Bedford Choral Society - \$1,000 A unanimous vote was made to partially fund this grant in the amount of \$600**

0. **34th annual strawberry festival - Tuesday club of Assonet - \$500 Unanimously approved for the full amount requested.**

0. **Johnny Cash Songs and Stories - Matt York - \$500. Unanimously approved for the full amount requested.**

Courtney went through and posted our approvals on the MCC website. The council set a date for our next meeting for March 21st at 6pm to discuss a possible Easter event and the Art Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.