



FREETOWN CULTURAL COUNCIL

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FREETOWN CLERK
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Meeting Minutes of the Freetown Cultural Council meeting 12/27/23

Meeting held at Freetown Police Station 15 Memorial Dr. East Freetown

Meeting called to order 5:03PM

Members Present: Jeannine Ludovicz, Krista Mullen, Samantha Gomes, Stefanie Morais, Camryn Morais, Karen Rezendes, Courtney Brightman, Sarah Dudley

Members Not Present: Donna Motta, Meghan Corrigan

Meeting minutes

- Meeting minutes from FCC meeting on 11/8/2023 read and approved unanimously.

Tree Lighting Event Recap

- Event went very well, despite poor weather. The kids craft table and facepainting was popular and received a lot of positive feedback. The choir performance received positive feedback as well. For next year, we plan to make the event shorter and include a rain date.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

- Jeannine filed a Conflict of Interest Disclosure on 12/11/23 regarding former FCC members (Secretary and Co-Chair) who applied for a grant and the ability of current FCC members who served on the council with them to vote. Jeannine notified the MCC and Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen voted to allow current members to participate in the vote.

Grant Process

- Jeannine provided an overview of the grant application and voting process for the new members of the Council.

2024 Grants Review and Voting

- Courtney confirmed that we have \$7326 to distribute for all grants. We received 29 applications, the most in recent history that anyone knows of, and we will not have enough funds to support each application.
- Discussion on how to better work with the Town Accountant to track this paperwork and have specific information available prior to FCC voting.
- The applications and votes were as follows:

Application ID	Project Title	Applicant	Requested Amount	Outcome
FY24-LCC-63507	Summer Concert Series	Acushnet Public Library	500	250 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-68886	Children's Environmental Program	Assonet Bay Shores Association	600	600 unanimously approved for full amount requested
FY24-LCC-69678	Celebrating the Season: A Halloween Harvest	Davis R. Bates III	550	550 unanimously approved for full amount requested
FY24-LCC-61842	Sweet Freedom	Alyssa Botelho	2000	500 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-58189	Story Tellers	Karen A. Chace	1694	250 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-67222	Blanket Across the Commonwealth	Rosann Fleischauer	1000	Unanimously declined
FY24-LCC-56727	Sing Explore Create	Freetown Council on Aging	960	250 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-57694	Community Appreciation Day with Graystone Rail	Freetown Historical Society, Inc	750	Unanimously declined
FY24-LCC-57163	Harper and Minstrel	Freetown Senior Club	150	150 unanimously approved for full amount requested
FY24-LCC-71330	The "Me" Decade – A Cultural Review of the 1970's Through Music	Francis Hart	600	250 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-65211	2024 Lakeville Arts & Music Festival	Lakeville Arts Council	400	Unanimously declined
FY24-LCC-64543	Lewis and Shea Present Spring 2024 "Songs and Stories of the American Folk Revival for Seniors"	Andrew Parks-Lewis	600	250 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-60996	Carving Out Your Story	Andrea Lovett	300	300 unanimously approved for full amount requested

FY24-LCC-64377	Music + Education Event	David Maloof	450	450 unanimously approved for full amount requested
FY24-LCC-64417	Spring Art Show	Jay Michaels	450 250 (request was updated)	250 unanimously approved for full amount requested
FY24-LCC-60145	Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors!	MUSIC Dance.edu	280	280 unanimously approved for full amount requested
FY24-LCC-64721	New Bedford Festival Theater Summer Academy 2024	New Bedford Festival Theater, Inc	500	250 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-66641	New Bedford Roots and Branches Festival	New Bedford Roots and Branches Festival	850	298 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-67387	To Life!: Celebrations in Story, Song and Music	John P. Porcino	450	Unanimously declined
FY24-LCC-62956	Practice Best Practice Workshops	Practice Best Practice, Inc	200	Unanimously declined
FY24-LCC-64370	Annual Winter Concert 2023: The Glory of Rutter, Pinkham, and Mendelssohn	Sippican Choral Society, Inc	300	150 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-60584	Afternoon of Brass #3	Patrick Smith	250	Unanimously declined
FY24-LCC-69231	Music at Soule	Soule Homestead Education Center	1000	500 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-66478	SCCT Presents "Finding Nemo Jr"	SouthCoast Children's Theater, Inc	500	250 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-61802	Go, Tell it on the Mountain + You Raise Me Up	Southeastern Massachusetts Festival Chorus, Inc	1000	500 unanimously approved for partial amount requested
FY24-LCC-69051	Porth Concerts at the 2024 East Freetown Grange Farmers and Artisans Market	The East Freetown Grange #307, Inc	1000	Unanimously declined
FY24-LCC-63112	Greater New Bedford Choral	The Greater New Bedford Choral Society, Inc	750	298 unanimously approved for partial amount requested

	Society's 2023-24 Season			
FY24-LCC-62117	35 th Annual Strawberry Festival	Tuesday Club of Assonet	500	500 unanimously approved for full amount requested
FY24-LCC-57304	Matt York – Songs and Stories: Willie Nelson	Matt York	500	250 unanimously approved for partial amount requested

- Courtney will update approvals on the MCC website. Jeannine will send Sarah templates for email/letter communications to applicants.
- The Council agreed to increase effort to promote the events that we are supporting via Facebook, library posters, etc.

Next meeting to be held 2/6/24 at 5:45PM. Sarah will email LuAnne to try to book Police Station Community Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM

Submitted by,



Sarah Dudley

Freetown Cultural Council, Secretary