

Wayland Cultural Council
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024

Note: In compliance with the March 22, 2020, Massachusetts Office of the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, this meeting was live streamed on local broadcast on WayCam. Public comment was made available via the "hand raise" function on Zoom. The Chair, Rachel Sideman-Kurtz identified by name all Wayland Cultural Council ("WCC") members in attendance (identified below).

Council members in attendance: voting members: Rachel Sideman-Kurtz (Chair), Ashley Fuller, Lynne Lipcon, Dona Mitra arrived 7:20, Naresh Mysore (Treasurer), Pallavi Nagesha (Vice Chair). Nora Rothschild. Emma Li (WHS Student) voting member:

Absent:

Non-voting members: Annabelle Zhang (WHS Student, Senior), Student liaison,

7:02 p.m. Call to Order

There was no public comment.

Review and approve minutes of 1/09/24 meeting

Ms. Fuller moved that the minutes be approved, amended to reflect the proper date, Dec. 12, 2023 (not 12/13). Ms. Nageshi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with roll call vote 6-0-0-- Ashley Fuller, Rachel Sideman-Kurtz, Lynne Lipcon, Naresh Mysore, Pallavi Nageshi, and Nora Rothschild all voting in favor.

Treasurer Update

Mr. Mysore reported

MCC grant for 2023-2024 was \$6700

MCC total for 2024 including the previous year's is \$12,600

WCC allocated \$11,260 in grants this fall

WCC retained \$1340 (20% of the \$6700 allocated by the state for internal projects

WCC retained \$335 (5% administrative)

There is also \$100 donation not included above

We have allotted \$1000 for 2 utility boxes this spring.

Ms. Nagesha suggested that we hold off on funding a bench as discussed last meeting.

Grantee Reception March 18 at 6 p.m.—organized by Ms. Nagesha and Ms. Mitra

Council members to arrive 5:30 p.m. to set up. Guests arrive at 6:00.

Ms. Nageshi discussed plans for the reception.

Members volunteered to bring fruit, cheese, veggie platter/ dip, desserts etc.

Cell phone/speaker for music

Name tags
Assume 35/40 in attendance
Photo of group of recipients
WCC Banners will be at the reception

It was suggested that we do a piece each month on grant recipients. Ms. Rothschild and Ms. Zhang will post to social media

Youth News-- Ms. Li
WSPN published the Call for Artists. Lunar New year went well- many in attendance.

Project Updates: Bulletin Boards, Utility Boxes
Ms. Rothschild reported on bulletin boards -any photos from Lunar New Year?
METCO -MLK celebration on town bulletin board now.
By March 1- will have printed list of current grantees and pictures of their events. Please get any photos you may have to Ms. Rothschild who will print and post on boards.

Utility Boxes
Ms. Rothschild: Call for Art went out. One submission so far. Due date is March 11.
Reminder will go out again and will repost on social media as due date approaches

Meeting Our Neighbors Project
Ms. Fuller, a real estate agent is often asked, "Where do I get town information, where are there music classes, etc...." In response, she has begun Meeting Our Neighbors Project, videoing interviews with Wayland Music School, town officials, etc. It's all about meeting our neighbors. The WCC would like to be included as a whole—the reception/ the utility boxes/ who we are what we are doing. The aim for release would be September.

Ms. Sideman-Kurtz will create a calendar of when our granted events are happening so we can make plans to attend and take photos/video snippets for Ms. Fuller.

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours.
None

We should be thinking about the annual MCC community survey. We did not do one last year. There was a paper survey 2 years ago (140 respondents). It is a good way to get a finger on the pulse as to how the community would like to see us spend our grant money.

Ms. Sideman-Kurtz will send around the last survey. Ms. Fuller remembers the ZOOM one as being very successful. Discussion will continue next meeting.

Ms. Lipcon moved that we adjourn. Ms. Nageshi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with roll call vote 6-0-0-- Ashley Fuller, Rachel Sideman-Kurtz, Lynne Lipcon, Naresh Mysore, Pallavi Nageshi, and Nora Rothschild all voting in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next mtg. March 12 on Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Lipcon