Rowe Cultural Council Meeting

Date: 6.24.26 Time: 11:00 am Location: Rowe Town Hall

In attendance: Jane Kaufman, Felicity Pickett, Thom Chiafolo, Cait Semanie, Susan Tomlinson

1. Approval of previous minutes - motion made to approve minutes, seconded, approved.
2. Vote on officers:
    a. slate: Chair - Thom Chiafolo; Treasurer - Felicity Pickett; Secretary - Jane Kaufman; Marketing Coordinator - Cait Semanie
    b. Motion was made to accept slate. Seconded. Approved.
3. Review our statements for the MA Cultural Council website (Felicity)
    a. Discussion of local guidelines. The following was approved by the committee to be added to our local guidelines on the MCC website.

        When considering grant applications, priority will be given to projects that serve our local community. In addition to meeting MCC requirements, applications and reimbursements will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

        i. We encourage applicants whose programs will benefit multiple communities to apply to more than one Local Cultural Council (LCC). Preference is given to applicants who apply to all councils serving their target audience;
        ii. Grantees must publicly acknowledge the Rowe Cultural Council along with the Mass Cultural Council when advertising and executing their approved projects;
        iii. Grantees must discuss logistics with local venues prior to submitting their grant; (RCC Marketing Coordinator can provide a list of available options.)
        iv. Grantees must confirm dates of program with RCC a minimum of 45 days prior to event;
        v. Willingness to work with RCC Marketing Coordinator (confirming event date, providing Coordinator with copies of, or links to, marketing materials)
    b. Jane will include guidelines in yearly report
4. Suggestions for new members (all)
    a. Loretta Dionne approached Susan. Jane will invite her to the next meeting.
    b. Jane asked Kevin Balawick and Cyndie Stetson, both of whom declined.

5. Shantigar email - *Would it be possible to meet with Council members in person or by Zoom?* Jane and Susan will schedule a meeting with Shantigar in person.
6. Contact Heath CC about article in West County Shopper. (Jane)
    a. Jane and Cait will be contacting HCC in July
7. Treasurer Report - Old Home Days money? (Felicity)
    a. Money may be available, but not this year. Felicity will continue working on this, and has gotten positive feedback and encouragement from the town select board member who she has been working with around this.
8. Marketing Coordinator Report (Cait)
    a. talked about need for grantees to share marketing materials
    b. 154 views on FB, 8 engagements this past month, both up from last month. Progress!
9. Schedule Next Meeting October 21, 1030 am