

Minutes Provincetown Cultural Council

Monday, June 8, 2020

Meeting called to order at 3:03pm by Bill Burton, Chair

Other council members present: Chris Busa, Cherie Mittenthal, Craig Combs, Ray Wiggs, and Don German.

The meeting was held by phone and a roll call vote was held to verify the quorum.

Public comments were requested. No members of the public were in attendance.

Minutes from March 26, 2020 and February 4, 2020 were approved as amended. A roll call vote was taken to approve.

Organizations Requesting Changes to Program Due to Covid Virus:

The Payomet Performing Arts Center submitted a request to change their "Circus in School" program from live performance to video performances. Part of the money the Council awarded would go toward providing juggling balls to accompany a juggling video tutorial so that every child could participate. Cherie motioned to accept the changes as requested. Chris seconded. The Council unanimously approved the request via a roll call vote.

Andrew Gilles Buckley ("Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck" film) submitted a request to allow a "pop up" drive in at the parking lot of the Pilgrim Monument or a live online screening with a Q & A at the end depending on which makes more sense in coming months. Craig motioned to accept the changes. Ray seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the request via a roll call vote.

Ian Edwards of TedxProvincetown asked for help in covering early costs on their program despite the fact that the program has been cancelled and will not be reschedule before the end of 2020. The Council discussed three options for response:

- to instruct the organization to reapply for the funds next year,
- to give a portion (10-50%) with instructions to reapply the full amount next year or,
- to give the full amount (\$1216) this year and allow them to reapply for more funds next year.

Cherie made a motion to give the full amount this year and allow the organization to reapply for more funds next year. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed by 4-2 in favor via a roll call vote.

Nominees for Open Council Seat

Bill asked for recommendations for a new member to replace Brian O'Malley who is stepping down from his position that officially ends 12/31/20. Four people were recommended:

- Liz Carney, owner of 4-11 Gallery who has been heavily involved with the establishment of The Commons.
- Hilary McHugh - Wood Artist, Office Coordinator at SKIP, Board of Provincetown Theater
- Albert Carey - Architect, Board of Tennessee Williams Festival board, 40 years leading The Krewe of Armenius, one of the prominent New Orleans gay Mardi Gra events,

- Paul Arthur Kelley - Architect and well known artist in town.

After some discussion about process and criteria for making the choice, the Council agreed to ask for another meeting in order to give the council members an opportunity to hear directly from the nominees. Bill will notify the town that there is an opening so that a public announcement can be made. The Council will wait 1 month to see if Governor Baker will allow small meetings to take place. If so, then Bill will set up a meeting and invite the nominees to come and speak with us. If not, Bill will request another phone meeting from Robin Craver, Town Manager where the nominees can speak with the council members by phone.

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Don seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 by roll call vote (2 members had left before the roll call was complete). Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Combs