January 15, 2021

Whately Cultural Council Annual Meeting / Grant Distribution

PRESENT: Adelia Bardwell, Richard Korpiewski, Jenny Morrison, Joyce Palmer-Fortune (Treasurer), George Reynolds, Nancy Talanian (Chair), Riina Viise, Julie Waggoner (Secretary)

10:02 Nancy calls meeting to order

10:02-10:10

Discussion of Officer Elections.

Treasurer: Joyce's term ends June 2021; need a new Treasurer. Joyce nominates Rich as Co-Treasurer, he will take over when Joyce's term ends. Riina seconds. Rich is unanimously elected as Treasurer.

Secretary: Julie's term ends in October 2021; need a new Secretary. Nancy nominates George as Co-Secretary. Julie seconds. George is unanimously elected as Co-Secretary.

Chair: Adelia nominates Nancy as Chair. Joyce seconds. Nancy is unanimously re-elected as Chair.

10:20

Discussion of Grant specifications and how to allocate any excess funding. Nancy notes that many of our artists are repeats; would the Council like to figure out how to get a greater variety of proposals? All Council members agree.

Nancy proposes allocating 5% (\$240) for administrative funding, for outreach program to be coordinated by Whately Cultural Council, to query local organizations and citizens about the kinds of programs / artists they'd like to see or sponsor for grants. Joyce proposes that the outreach be done through a graphically distinctive addition to the Whately Scoop. Council members second the proposal for outreach. **The proposal to do outreach to local organizations & residents passes unanimously.**

10:50

Discussing this year's grant proposals. Discussion of which proposals meet the Council's criteria for funding, which do not, and why. Funding is allocated to the proposals that qualify. In addition to the funding the various proposals, Nancy proposes allocating 15% (\$700) of the budget for a Whately Cultural Council program, "Pots on Wheels" to bring a potter, clay and tools to either the elementary school or the library, whichever is interested, for a day to teach children (and others) handbuilding. Nancy will contact the principal and librarian as next step. Council members move to accept the proposal; the proposal is seconded by the council, and then passes unanimously.

12:17

Allocation of Funding. Vote re: allocating funding as recorded in this year's funding spreadsheet, using up all the available funding. Council members move to accept the funding as discussed and recorded; council members second, and all vote in favor. **Funding distributions pass unanimously.**

12:20

Nancy moves to adjourn, Joyce seconds. All in favor: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julianna Waggoner, Secretary

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