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ORLEANS CULTURAL COUNCIL

**Meeting of May 10, 2022
Orleans Town Hall
Orleans, Massachusetts**

Local Cultural Councils, serving every city and town in Massachusetts, offer grants to projects in the Arts, Humanities and Sciences that will be of benefit to their community.

Notes for Meeting of May 10, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Orleans Cultural Council was called to order at 4:30 pm on May 10, 2022.

Present

- Claire Gradone, Chair
- Virginia Clarendon
- Eileen Godin
- Jay Haun
- JoAnna Keeley, Advisor
- Sandra C. Melody (Acting Secretary for meeting)
- Michaela Miteva
- Andrea Shaw Reed, Select Board Liaison

Absent

- Heather Morin, Treasurer
- Ellen Snyder-Grenier, Secretary

Action step/s

- Plan the reception for the portrait at the June meeting.
- Continued from April meeting: Put the OCC reorganization on the agenda for discussion in the late summer.

Notes

1. April 12, 2022 Minutes

The council members approved the April minutes with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Heather was not present, but had provided a report with the following information, for Claire to share, about changes in amounts granted to applicants (see April meeting notes for more information) due to surplus in funds. Claire noted that all of these grantees have been notified of the additional funds they will receive. They are:

- Capoeira Besuro Cape Cod: \$1,231
- Two concerts by the Outer Cape Chorale: \$1,000
- Learn Ukulele with Julie project: \$474
- Lunch & Listen in the Garden (Council on Aging): \$750

3. Report from Chair: Claire Gradone

The additional 2022 approval letters have been sent (see above). Claire noted that a thank you letter was received from the COA.

JoAnna noted that it would be good to remind all grantees to give the OCC credit with signage; Claire suggested an OCC logo to all grantees so they can use it.

Nauset Schools arts local grant update: A form is going online to the high school for grants; there will be four grants of \$500 each available. Projects are to be submitted by June 14th.

Grant request from the Centers for History and Culture (CHO), Orleans: Claire and CHO had an informal conversation to discuss the food grant they had submitted and how they might collaborate with other organizations on it. Maxine is no longer at CHO but someone will get back to the OCC. JoAnna said there might be a possibility of getting a festival grant for the food project. Andrea said that Claire could call for more information on the project.

June meeting time change: The June meeting will be at 5:30 pm instead of 4:30 pm. [Note: this was later changed to 4:30 p.m.]

4. Duc d'Orleans Portrait Restoration Project

Eileen noted that as far as she knew, nothing new had happened with the project. JoAnna said that she had contacted the restorer to see the progress on the portrait, and will be sending along photos of the work; there was a "field" discovered which they are looking into (these images were later sent to the group). The project may be finished in June.

Eileen noted that any further donations for the project should go to Michaela; if anything is \$100 or more, let Eileen know, so that the plaque will be up to date. Under \$100, still let Michaela know so Sandra will have the names to put on the signage for the under-\$100 category.

Michaela noted that \$3,095 was collected. Still waiting to obtain the final number. JoAnna suggested sending photos via email to donors with an update. Eileen concurred.

Claire noted that we would plan the reception at the June meeting; the reception would be in December.

5. Cultural District Report: JoAnna

JoAnna provided an update on the work of the Orleans Cultural District. She discussed the Parish Park pop-up rehearsals. She feels they have been very successful; dance music is on board for next Saturday. They are inspired to continue these into the fall due to their popularity.

She noted there would also be a story hour on Saturday at 2:30-3:30 at Sea Howl (adjacent to the park). They are looking for volunteers to help out; this will start mid-June to August.

She also noted that they are drafting a public art policy and a new task force to oversee donations, a new sculpture, etc. She thought that perhaps the OCD and the OCC might partner on this; if agreed, \$2,000 would be allotted to the OCC. The sculpture would likely be located at the corner of Brewster Cross Road and Main Street in Orleans.

She also noted that new banners would be made to replace the old ones that were destroyed in a snow storm.

6. New Business

Claire did not have any new business to report. Eileen suggested that JoAnna (or someone) publish what the OCD does and perhaps include the OCC and what it does.

Andrea noted that the council had been approached to have a poet laureate.

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm at Orleans Town Hall. *[Note: this was later changed to 4:30 pm.]*