



ORLEANS CULTURAL COUNCIL
Meeting of June 14, 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 June 14, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Orleans Cultural Council (OCC) was called to order at 4:40 PM on June 14, 2022 at Orleans Town Hall, Orleans, Massachusetts. It was held in person.

Present

- Claire Gradone, Chair
- Virginia Clarendon
- Eileen Godin
- JoAnna Keeley, Advisor
- Sandra C. Melody
- Michaela Miteva
- Heather Morin, Treasurer
- Ellen Snyder-Grenier, Secretary

Absent

- Jay Haun
- Andrea Shaw Reed, Select Board Liaison

Action step/s

- At July meeting: discuss priorities for Mass Cultural Council to submit by end of August.
- Claire will get a contact for the PTO for Ellen to call to gauge interest in a pumpkin festival for younger schoolchildren; Ellen will call.
- Claire will send poet laureate draft to Ellen via email to be attached to the June minutes.
- Any additional comments on the I Spy Map should go to JoAnna.
- Continued from past meetings: plan the reception for the portrait of the Duc.
- Continued from April meeting: Put the OCC reorganization on the agenda for discussion in the late summer.

1. Minutes of May 10, 2022 Meeting Approval

The council members approved the minutes with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report: Heather Morin

Heather provided several handouts. One was for the Warrant Fund Report. The current balance is \$2,138.62; we have not used any of the funds since last year. JoAnna noted that she believed that there should be an additional revenue (2021 Funds) from the May meeting.

Heather also provided an updated list of grant approvals to reflect the fact that several had been approved at a partial amount and then were increased to be funded to the full request because we had a balance that needed to be spent. The surplus had to do with COVID over the past years, where money that was unused due to the pandemic went back into our account. The \$131 difference will be rolled over into the next grant cycle.

Heather has received and processed paperwork for two programs that the OCC provided funds for; after processing, they are sent to Greta. Heather always saves copies for the record.

3. Report from Chair: Claire Gradone

School grants: Claire provided an update on the Nauset Schools arts local grants. She sent information to Nauset Middle School and Lighthouse Charter School about two weeks ago; she hasn't received anything yet in response. June 30th is the last day of school and it's the deadline.

July/August meetings: Claire noted that she can do July but not August. July meeting will be the 12th. After discussion, it was decided that the OCC will meet in July but will have a recess in August (which has been done in the past).

Mass Cultural Council: She also noted that Ricky is no longer our rep at the Mass Cultural Council. Our new program officer is Jessica Jay Wong (who goes by "Jay). Claire noted that we can list our priorities for community grant funding; they are due by August 31st. We should discuss this at the July meeting so that we can submit something.

Potential pumpkin festival project: Eileen's son described a great pumpkin festival in her son's town (Damariscotta, Maine). The festival had started out as a project with the schools and then grew to include, for example, a group of professional artists who carve pumpkins on-site and have them on display for the town. If we wanted to do something like this, we would need to get someone to donate pumpkins; need to come up with prizes for winners from town businesses. This raised questions: Is OCC interested? How will it be funded? When will it take place? Who will lead the project?

We discussed possibly what this might entail. JoAnna noted that it would be important to find out where there is something happening, then tie into it; need to collaborate with other organizations, businesses, etc. Perhaps partner with the elementary school parade. Then the

kids could get a certificate and pick up their pumpkin. A lot of parents dress up for the parade as well; Mikaela said in years past the Corner Store had pumpkins that were small and could be decorated there. Perhaps have prizes: scariest, funniest, etc. We would also need prizes in addition to pumpkins.

We discussed starting out by focusing on the younger schoolchildren in town. Ellen offered to find out if there is interest; she'll get a contact from Claire at the PTO to talk to. JoAnna noted that people are already planning fall events.

4. Duc d'Orleans Portrait Restoration Project

Eileen and JoAnna drafted a letter to donors to update them and provided a draft to the council to review. We discussed adding in additional information (e.g. the photo of the stamp). Mikaela said she could include images on the back. Heather took over list to take care of it.

Eileen suggested that the plaque say \$100+; and then \$0 to \$99 is below it. We decided that all names would be on one plaque, vs. creating a second, framed piece for donors who had contributed under \$100, since there were so few.

5. Orleans Cultural District (OCD) Report: JoAnna Keeley

Orleans Poet Laureate designation: It will involve a collaboration with the OCC, OCD, and Snow Library. JoAnna noted that they have just finished drafting a proposal. They are thinking it would be for two years. It's an opportunity for Orleans to recognize literary arts. There will be a committee; people will submit an application. Wellfleet Library has a poet of the month. The person would work with various entities.

JoAnna invited the OCC to sit in on the discussions if desired. Andrea wants to bring the proposal to the Select Board. They would like to fund the poet laureate. She asked if the OCC is interested. They are thinking \$500 total for two years. JoAnna gave a copy to Ellen for the minutes (Claire will send to Ellen via email). We could either have the occ support it; or ask the committee to submit a proposal. Claire: We could perhaps say that we would allocate \$500 out of warrant grant; the motion was made and seconded and it was approved. JoAnna thanked the OCC. Claire noted that they could also submit a grant later on if desired for additional funds.

The I Spy Walking Map revision: is on its 3rd tweaking and almost ready for printing. This is a family oriented pedestrian friendly walking map guiding you around the center of Orleans to discover the Murals and Sculptures...Orleans Public Art....while playing the game "I Spy." Can do in segments or the whole walk in 30 to 60 minutes. In the past, the OCC helped to fund the printing of the I Spy map and the OCC logo currently is placed alongside the OCD and the Mass Cultural Council logo. Joanna asked for feedback. Heather suggested putting the logos on the front. Ellen said she'd be happy to look it over with an editor's eye. The OCC is on board to helping.

Sculpture: The Orleans Cultural District is in the original phases of beginning a search for a new sculpture to be placed in the circular area of the sidewalk at the intersection of Brewster Cross Road and Main Street on the Santander Bank side. The Town, George Meservey, Town Planner,

will put out an RFP for a call to Cape Cod artists. There is no state funding for the sculpture even though the design was part of the State improvements for that section of Main Street. They are looking to the OIA to do major funding but have not got to that part yet. OCD will be contributing at least \$1,500. The heads up is that the OCC will be asked if they want to contribute, too. All that is needed now is a commitment of an amount, but would not be needed right away as we are just in the initial stages. JoAnna noted it is wide open; we don't know what the theme is. The task force will do the judging. Right now they just want our support.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm. The next meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 4:30 pm at Orleans Town Hall.