



Amherst Cultural Council

March 14, 2023

6:00 PM

Via Zoom:

Minutes

In attendance: Matt Holloway, Julianne Applegate (co-chairs), Rachel Wang, Robin Thompson, Cody Rooney, Eleanor Walsh, Leah Neuburger

1. Call to order
2. Cody motions to approve minutes of February meeting and Matt seconds the motion.
3. Block party updates:
 - a. Staff member of Amherst Bid has to step down and the Town Bid had decided to not move forward with the event. The bid offered to let ACC run event and the support us but it would be more than the ACC could take on right now. We have the option to preserve our funds from the MCC to plan a 2024 spring event. Matt talked to the MCC and they gave us permission to continue to apply for the festivals and projects grant which we could use for a smaller event this year. (We set aside 7,500 of our allocated funds and applied to the MCC for 2,500 for the block party event). Cody has the idea to join the fall block party using the 2,500 grant and have an ACC event space possibly highlighting specific artists. Robin suggests we could replenish this money in the next grant cycle. The timing of the fall block party would work well for talking to potential new grantees and ACC members. We decide to not vote on anything officially because Elenor has to leave at 6:30 and she did a majority of the work around the block party event. Matt and Julianne will reach out to grantees and let them know the event is canceled but we are working on more options.
4. We are going through final grant reports for 2022 and are waiting on some last paperwork for 2023 and are very close to finishing paperwork for the grant cycle 2023. 48 grantees have sent us a final grant report, 5 grantees have an extension, and 5 grantees have not submitted grant reports but have been in communication that it is on the way. By the end of March we will get all of the reports to Angela Mills to archive.
5. Recruiting new candidates to be ACC members is important! Leah will connect with highschool students and teachers to try and recruit more members.
6. Agree to meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.
7. Matt motions to adjourn at 6:52.

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