

Amherst Cultural Council

October 22, 2015

Call to order: Ellen Kosmer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Amherst Room of the Jones Library.

Committee members in attendance: Ellen Kosmer and Honore David, co-chairs, Arnold Friedmann, Andrea Battle, treasurer, Lynda Faye, and Georgia Barnhill, secretary.

Guests were Sharon Sharry, director, and Mia Cabana, children's librarian, both of the Jones Library staff.

Agenda:

1. Storage of Amherst Cultural Council materials at the Jones Library
2. Successor to Sondra Radosh, former Jones Library liaison
3. Approval of minutes of September meeting
4. Distribution of proposals
5. Discussion of process

1. Ellen Kosmer introduced the guests to Council members. Sharon Sharry then spoke about the documents of the ACC being held by the Library. The filing cabinet that holds most of the materials does not have a functioning lock and there are additional boxes in the craft area. She encouraged the Council to figure out which materials to retain; the Library is happy to be the repository. Ellen will check with the Massachusetts Cultural Council to determine what the retention policy is. Furthermore, the Library is happy to continue receiving mail addressed to the ACC.

2. Sharon Sharry hopes that Mia Cabana will become the liaison to the committee. She would attend meetings as a non-voting member and would reserve meeting space for the Council. The Council was delighted with Mia's enthusiasm for the Council's work and hopes she will agree to serve. Sharon will contact Jim Wald to get this nomination approved by the Selectmen. In addition, Sondra Radosh will be returning to the Council as a member. Gretchen Fox resigned so Sondra's presence is important. At this point in the meeting Sharon and Mia departed.

3. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the September 9 meeting be approved as distributed. Ellen asked Gigi to get them posted to the Amherst website.

4. Ellen distributed sixty-six proposals to Council members. Several were submitted without the multiple copies; those will be distributed at the next meeting. There are about twenty-two proposals dealing with schools and youth programs.

5. Ellen discussed the process to be followed. She suggested that Council members skim all the proposals, but only the first twenty will be discussed in detail at the next meeting on October 29. She encouraged Council members to make notes on each proposal.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Georgia B. Barnhill, Secretary