

Attendance:PresentAbsent

Baker, Anna - Chair
 Biagini, Steven - Board Member
 Cardillo, Darby - Treasurer
 Concannon, Rose Anne - Board Member
 Parry, Laura - Secretary
 Sanborn, Kate - Board Member
 Walsh, Maryellen - Board Member
 Young, Tara - Board Member

Tarsa, Jen - Board Member

Meeting Commenced at 6:36 pm

- I. Welcome and Board Introductions
- II. Review of Applications
 - i. Review of applications approved at November meeting
 - ii. Review of received questions or responses by denied applicants
 - Marshfield Farmers Market questioned their denial because they feel they service a large number of Marshfield residents. It was communicated to the applicant that we are also looking for a diversity of programs to fund from year to year. They accepted this response graciously.
- III. Determination, by vote, of funding amounts for each application
 - For each award, motion to vote forwarded by Anna Baker.
 - For each award, motion to vote seconded by Laura Parry.

Applicant	Project Title	App. #	\$ Requested	\$ Awarded
Choral Art Society of the South Shore	Choral Concerts	13445	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00
John Root	A Celebration of Song	10326	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Talking Information Center Network	The TIC Radio and Podcast Players	11484	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 200.00
Ventress Memorial Library	A Visit with Louisa May Alcott	11559	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Davis Bates	A Celtic Celebration: Performance for Seniors	12097	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Denis Cormier Hands on History	The American Revolution	12196	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Ed The Wizard	"Libraries Rock" a rocket workshop	12373	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00

North River Arts Society Annual Festival of the Arts	42nd Annual Festival of the Arts Entertainment	12525	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 550.00
Delvena Theatre Company	Meet Julia Child!	13511	\$ 595.00	\$ 595.00
Douglas Lowry	Pond Life Program	15100	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Marshfield Agricultural Commission	Backyard Farm and Garden Lectures	15246	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Douglas Lowry	2018 Waterwatch Series	16259	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild	Massachusetts High School Drama Festival	17816	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
South River Elementary School PTO	Deana's Educational Theater Inc.	18262	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 450.00
Genesis Chamber Singers	Genesis Chamber Singers and the South Shore	18676	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00
Governor Winslow School PTO	Historical Women: Abigail Adams	18946	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Governor Winslow School PTO	Museum of Science: States of Matter	19038	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Total			\$ 10,420.00	\$ 6,320.00

- Each award passed with an unanimous vote.

IV. Strategic Planning

i. Should we have a meeting to develop our own local council priorities?

- The board agreed that defining council priorities may encourage more applications and will assist both declined and approved applicants understand why they were declined vs. partially or fully funded.
- It was suggested these priorities do not need to be stratified - no one priority is deemed more important than the other.
- Suggested criteria could be: Preference for arts, humanities and sciences; Maximum public benefit; Ensuring diversity of program and populations served; Locally sourced programs
- Public Meeting scheduled for May 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Agenda will include setting council funding priorities and whether the MCC would like to hold a fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned: 7:14 pm