



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Upton Cultural Council

Minutes

Date: June 22, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

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Meeting ID: 237 266 446 90

1. Call meeting to order, roll call of members
 - a. Quorum - Lyn Haggerty, Jennifer Conrad, Alice Gentili , Kate Baden, Shelley Glassman, Robin Jokela, Megan Ronzio
 - b. On June 21 the Selectboard appointed Kate Baden, Robin Jokela, Shelly Glassman, and Jennifer Conrad to three years terms on the UCC:

CULTURAL COUNCIL (3 YEAR TERM x2 - 1 yr off)

Kate Baden	3X
Lyn Haggerty	
Robin Jokela	3X
Alice Gentili	
Shelly Glassman	3X
Megan Ronzio	
Jennifer Conrad	3X

2. Review agenda, vote to approve
 - a. Motion - Robin
 - b. Second - Megan
 - c. Passed - Unanimous
3. Review and approve meeting minutes from May 10, 2023
 - a. Motion - Lyn
 - b. Second - Megan
 - c. Passed - Unanimous
4. Accept Treasurer’s report: 📄 June Copy of 2023 UCC Grants spreadsheet
 - a. Motion - Alice
 - b. Second - Robin
 - c. Discussion:
 - i. Summer concert series W9 and flier required

- ii. 6.5 Chariots of the Sun invoice received
- iii. Lyn submits as voucher they get processed as a warrant
- iv. Funds distributed (from table above) - \$6234 of \$9284
- v. UCC funds available (from table above) - \$856
- vi. Passed - Unanimous

5. Update: FY 2023 Grants and dates of events: ☰ June Copy of 2023 Grants Promotion

- a. All but Summer Concert Series and BVT Multicultural Festival
- b. Waiting on finished flier from Upton Rec for the Summer Concert Series

6. Discussion on what event UCC can bring forward that most benefits the community.

- a. Kate: update on Community Center exhibit suggestion and Community Kangaroo
 - i. Proposal from library is complete and has been submitted for \$253.82 with itemized costs
 - ii. Discussion - great to have student art on display, can hang in rows as much as 30-40 8.5 X 11 images
- b. Motion to approve Kate
- c. Second Shelley
 - i. Discussion - lots of bang for our buck, having our plaque is important and will be seen, art shows in community, should we stipulate for artwork or can be used for historical pieces
 - ii. Consider including text: We're awarding you this amount of money to use for this purpose, to be used to display the community's treasures, etc.
- d. Passed - Unanimous
 - i. Kate will write the letter
- e. Community Kangaroo - an option for getting the word out on programming for families with young children
- f. Alice: update on Eyes on Owls
 - i. From 5/12: [Eyes on Owls](#) (Marcia Wilson):
 - ii. Cost of single 1 1/4 hour show is \$795 plus \$50 travel expense = \$845
 - iii. Photography slideshow and birds brought through the aisles for viewing
 - iv. Marcia recommends charging \$10-\$15 for the event, allows for registration and stronger commitment by the audience
 - v. Alice suggests waiting until next year as the UCC and Library have hosted a few bird programs recently
- g. Megan - update on LGBTQ alliance at Miscoe Hill and BVT
 - i. Megan reached out to Nipmuc, between teacher advisors, will keep under advisement for next year
 - ii. One teacher at Miscoe is super interested and will follow up after program is nearer to development
 - iii. BVT really excited, talking to students for ideas, will get back to us
- h. Megan: update on Genealogy workshop
 - i. Seema can do a workshop. \$200. Would guide participants in researching ancestors using a local person as an example. Would be a couple of hours.
 - ii. Megan would reach out for a written proposal. We would vote on it at the next meeting and set up a date. Lyn discusses various meeting places. Discussion about

time of year that would be best.

- iii. Tabled until next meeting
7. FY24 Council members and open positions
- i. Megan and Lyn will have to take a year off in 2024
 - ii. Jen was just reappointed last night
 - iii. We can have up to 22 members
 - iv. We need to reorganize the board to accommodate Lyn and Megan being gone 7/24
 - v. Perhaps develop co-chair positions
 - vi. Perhaps in-person meeting to meet possible new members
 - vii. The term for an LCC member is three years; members can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms or a total of six years (unless the appointing authority removes a member before the expiration of a term).
 - a. After serving six years, members must remain off the LCC for a one-year interval before serving additional terms.
 - b. To preserve continuity of operations, the terms of individual LCC members should be staggered (that is, there should never be 100 percent turnover of members in a single year). LCCs may also elect to designate former officers or members as non-voting, ex-officio LCC members.
 - c. Will discuss at next meeting
8. Public Comment: Members of the public may present concerns regarding committee work or resources for additional investigation or other matters
- a. No public comment
9. New Business: Any matters that may not reasonably be anticipated by the chair that could be raised during the public comment period, by the public through any other means, or by other members of the committee.
- a. No new business
10. Set the next meeting dates
- a. Wednesday July 12 (MR can't attend)
 - b. Wednesday August 9
11. Vote to Adjourn
- a. Motion Jen
 - b. second Kate
 - c. Passed - Unanimous