



Chelsea Cultural Council
Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Members: Sharlene McLean, Bradley Ruffleth, Dakeya Christmas, Hern Kim,

Guests: Mimi Graney, Arreen Andrew

Staff: Bea Cravatta, Salma Taylor

Reviewed minutes from September 11, 2017

Unanimously approved.

Discussion of the FY17 Grant Reception

Very happy with how the event went. Preferred the second floor location

Art hanging on the second floor through the end of September

2018 is the twentieth anniversary of the Chelsea Cultural Council

Start planning in January, Should be bigger/better

Planning started late for the reception – struggle to get it together last minute, Music was excellent

Well attended – artists as well as the grantees – hopefully inspiration for more applications

Grant Steering

Apollinaire almost has their paperwork in. W-9 for the Harvard Natural History Museum is being processed

Little Free Library project has one more library to install

Information Session – Chelsea High School 9/28 6-7:30 PM

Advised that we get there a half hour early to setup. Sharlene can be there the whole time, Bea will set up

FY18 Grant Guidelines Info Sessions – with Arreen Andrew

Entire process is online- Chelsea won't accept paper applications this year

Slides about the Mass local cultural council program

We'll find out Thursday what level of funding will be decided on by the state legislature

Cultural Council decision on how to spend 15% allocation is not due until January 2018

Funds raised locally are still subject to MCC guidelines on spending (no food, etc)

Must be kept in municipal account

The 15% allocation can be spent on food

Council members will get login info for Smart Simple via Council Portal

See applications in progress/submitted, Export to spreadsheet

Stipends can be paid with granted money

The state is starting to switch over with 19 communities away from reimbursement grants

Chelsea is not one of the trial communities

MCC hopes it'll reduce workload of granting and increase focus on program support

Review of "SAMPLE Application Review Criteria"

Could use the 15% to help with the community outreach, data collection, grant appeals

Clarification of Interpretive Science – essentially just science – still not yoga

Utilize available spaces and develop new ones

Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm

Recorder: Bradley Ruffleth