Meeting Minutes

Lenox Cultural Council

August 26, 2019

Present: Arlene D. Schiff, Beth Tracy Gamble, Erin McNamara, Charlie Holt, Katy Landers Holt

Guests: Lucy Kennedy, Suzanne Pelton

Lucy Kennedy provided an overview of the Lenox Historical Commission and informed us of the historic preservation plan. We discussed ways in which we could support the historic aspects of Lenox, including the potential funding of self-guided walking tours, narrated by cell phone.

Beth reported we have disbursed $1,775 in grants. We have ten grantees who have yet to submit their requests for reimbursement, totaling $2,925. All reimbursement requests are due by January 15, 2020.

Our next grant cycle is approaching, and Arlene will develop and submit a press release to local publications announcing our grant process. We will also inform past grantees via email and post the notice on our town website. All grant submissions are due by October 15th and we will schedule a meeting in early December to review the grants submitted.

At our last meeting, we had discussed the possibility of creating a logo and tag line for our council and Katy presented some drafts for us to consider. We narrowed down our selections, and Katy will continue refining them for presentation at a future meeting. Katy also revisited the idea discussed at our last meeting of partnering with the Stockbridge Cultural Council on a joint path of flowers between the two towns and an additional idea of supporting the development of a display of local people who posed for Norman Rockwell paintings.

Member Charlie Holt announced he will be resigning from the council as he is relocating out of the area. We will be pursuing the addition of a new council member to replace him.

The next Lenox Cultural Council meeting will be held on October 7, 2019 at 6:00pm and we will be joined by a representative of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. At this meeting, we will also discuss the selection of an Assistant Treasurer to work with and then take over for Treasurer when Beth’s term expires.

Submitted by Erin McNamara, Secretary

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