

Lenox Cultural Council

Minutes

August 29, 2023

Present: Robin Kimbrough-Melton, Erin McNamara, Donna Pignatelli, Gabriela Sheehan, Kimberly Duval, Winnie Vahle

Robin Kimbrough-Melton opened the meeting at 7pm via Zoom

The grant application process Sept 1-Oct 17

Reviewing Community Survey response

- 85 completed surveys

- priorities mentioned:

 - Lenox centric

 - balance of family and elderly focused events

 - ways to encourage low income, minority involvement

Suggestions for new application

- Grant recipients should be encouraged to advertise in Berkshire Eagle

- Soften restriction on funds for administrative costs

 - "preference is given to program over operational costs"

Treasurer Report

- Erin reported 11 submitted requests for allocated funds

- \$5,642 of \$13,270

- many event scheduled for the Fall

Consider addition of youth members to council

- review toolkit for youth members to define role

- refer to high school teachers for candidates

- 2 students minimum

Next meeting will be scheduled for mid November, after application period has closed

Robin will draft a press release for the Eagle and for the Town of Lenox website