

MEETING OF SHEFFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 11:00am

Meeting in Town Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room

Present: Megan Lawrence, Dorothy Maffei, Frances Roth, Bonnie Silvers, Jessica Treat, Hester Velmans, Phyllis Webb

Absent: Joe Kolodziej, Tod MacKenzie

- The Council convened at 11:10 am. The Minutes of the 10/16/23 meeting were approved.
- The Treasurer's report was given. We ended the fiscal year with a balance of \$9,105.51. \$270 will be allocated to advertising in the *Sheffield Times*, and \$1000 to be left in reserve for possible fundraiser.
- Our FY 2024 allocation from the State was \$5,500. This brings the total available for grants to \$13,335.51. It was decided that \$335.51 should be moved to the reserve for mailing and other expenses.
- There was a motion to add a clause to the grant application guidelines: encouragement to submit a letter of support from the proposed venue or partner organization.
- Each of the 41 grant requests that had been submitted to the Cultural Council was presented by a Council member for discussion by all.
- A total of \$13,000 was allocated to 33 applicants. Eight were declined.
- Membership: Dorothy will contact four residents for potential membership in January 2025. A co-treasurer is needed as is a co-chair to replace Hester who rotates off the Council in June.
- Hester will contact two other LCC chairs to discuss possible cooperation.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Treat

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