

Concord Cultural Council
Meeting Jan. 14, 2021

Present: Tom Martin, chairman; Leli Sudler; Tooey Rogers; Terry Yanulavich and Betsy Levinson. No absentees.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin at 6:02 via Zoom.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Tom reported that the Massachusetts Cultural Council is awarding us \$6,000, "a nice increase," he said, with the town granting us another \$2,000 for Concord-only projects. Tom reported that one program that we funded last year was unable to carry out their program, so the \$400 we awarded them was never claimed.

We have \$8,400 to award this year. Tom said the combined requests add up to \$11,755.

Council members gave a brief summation of all the applications, and giving a short opinion of each one, so that at our next meeting, we will assign a rating number. Those applicants that listed us as their only support are denied, unless they resubmit with other sources of funding. Leli will send out those denial letters, citing our policy that local cultural councils cannot be the sole support.

Betsy will send a letter over Tom's signature to Rep. Tami Gouveia and Sen. Mike Barrett to thank them for their support negotiating the state budget for the arts.

The meeting was "zombombbed" by an anonymous individual. It was an unsettling intrusion into the meeting. Tom reported the incident, involving vulgar language, to the town.

Subsequent meetings are:

Jan. 28

Feb. 17

March 3

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.