

Montague Cultural Council  
September 16, 2018  
Gill-Montague Senior Center  
2-4 PM

Meeting Goal: Open House with Q&A for the community and prospective applicants.

Members Present: Kate, Dan, John, Rachel, Jen, Shannon, and Cindi

Not Present: Anne, Jan, and Pam

Visitors: Suzette Snow-Cobb and friend

Council members introduced themselves to visitors. Kate and Rachel gave them an overview about what we do, and the types of projects we fund. Jen handed out our local guidelines and the list of projects that were funded last year for guests to take copies of.

Chair opened the meeting at 2:12 PM

Chair moved to approve the minutes from August 7. Jen seconded, all approved.

Jen received the Homeland project's final report through snail mail and shared it at the today's meeting.

The Life, Times and Music of Louis Armstrong concert happened on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>.

Racial Justice Rising continues to have monthly meetings.

The yearly survey will be distributed to Town Meeting members.

A brainstorming session ensued regarding how we will meet the state requirement of soliciting feedback from the community. The consensus was to hand out short surveys that people could fill out in a short time.

We discussed the additional money (approx. \$2000) given to the Council by the town (Riverculture). Dan moved to allocate 50 percent of said money to increase the grants money amount. We would follow the same rules that govern state allocated funds. The other 50 percent to be set aside so that ideas can develop at a later date on how we'll use it. Jen seconded the motion, all approved.

John informed us that our press release made the front page of the Greenfield Recorder.

Our next meeting will be Saturday November 10, from 9AM-12PM

We'll meet again on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4PM

Actions:

Shannon offered to find last year's survey and the minutes for that meeting and share it the next time we meet.

Shannon also offered to tweak the postcards that she made so that color copies can be made on 8" x 11" copy paper. She'll print out 50 copies at the Town Hall to distribute around Montague.

John offered to put up the flyers in several public locations around Turners Falls.

Kate will get in touch with Anne about Oct 15 reporting and make sure she's aware of all expenses.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

