

Stow Cultural Council  
September 15, 2020, 5:30 p.m.  
Online Meeting  
Stow Town Building, 380 Great Rd.

Present: Hector Constantzos, Jenni Edgerton, Charles Streff, Mary Louton, Rachel Gwaltney, Alex Rosiewicz, Kelly Lawlor, Angela Santos, Debie Maher

AGENDA

1. Introduce Kelly Bowman, potential new member
  - Stow resident for last 6 years, from New Jersey, high school English teacher in Shrewsbury, interested in activities to celebrate cultural diversity
  - Unanimous support for her application
2. Review and vote on minutes from the last meeting
  - Minutes have already been approved from the last official meeting in February.
3. Future Council membership status
  - Hector and Jenni are out in April, Angela is out imminently, Rachel has renewed for 3 more years, and Kelly is applying.
  - Minimum of 5 people required on the council for a quorum – we won't be able to conduct official business
  - More people are needed: Hector will check with Maureen to see if a vacancy is listed, I can post to FB groups.
  - Brainstorm new ways of reaching out to underrepresented groups, and possibility of adding youth representatives as associate members.
4. Idea for a cultural celebration (Kelly)
  - Maybe talk with Acton Cultural Council about their international festivals
  - Mary has experience with similar events at the university where she works
  - Could speak with schools to find out about cultural diversity
  - Could check for exchange students at NRHS
  - Maybe a summertime event? Outside? At one of the schools?
  - Reserve funding
5. Community Survey:
  - Jenni will update survey based on feedback
  - Post on FB, FB Groups, Town website, Nextdoor, send out to personal contacts, send, Angela will create a pdf with a QR code and website and send to Independent and schools, Hector will post it on Randall Library board.
6. Plan upcoming grant cycle
  - Funding from state is unclear, but not expected until end of October.
  - We need to set priorities for the year, but it makes sense
  - Grant deadline is supposed to be November 15, but we likely cannot open up the process until state budget is allocated.
  - Rachel will double check about extensions for 2020 projects which have not yet been completed. MCC has said that we do not need to reclaim those funds. Rachel will confirm with Julie about remaining town funds that have been disbursed, but not used. Rachel will reach out to each grantee.
  - Angela will create a flyer for the call for grant applications
  - Publicity same as previous years.

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7. New Social Justice Art Show
  - Planned by NASJA (Nashoba Area Social Justice Alliance)
  - Could be a month-long display in Community Center (part of our rotating display) or could be a grant application
  - Would it be an issue if we supported a politically-affiliated (or politicized) event?
8. Next Meeting
  - Will schedule by email pending more information from the state
9. Leadership
  - New Chair: Mary Louton is willing to take over when needed.

**Zoom Meeting Information**

The Stow Cultural Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: The Stow Cultural Council

Time: Sep 15, 2020 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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*Note: The items listed are those reasonably anticipated by the chairman, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by the Open Meeting Law.*