

Mid-CapeCultural Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2014

Present: Elise McMullin, Patricia Austin, Mary Carroll Allen, Becky Lawrence, Marlene Weir, Crystal Gips, Janet Preston, Sharon Keller Hughes  
Absent: Doug McHugh, Angela Bilski

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were considered and approved.

Janet gave the treasurer's report. The Council has a balance of \$10,810 presently, with \$10,219.96 encumbered for the 2014 grants awarded. Recent fund-raising activities have raised some money for the Council: Wimpy's \$14.05; Hearth & Kettle \$\$86.00; Mills Restaurant \$250 (donation). From January 11-February 22, the Island Merchant in Hyannis will give the Council 10% of the entire bill for anyone who brings in one of the fliers. Janet developed the flier, provided copies to each of us (and subsequently sent the flier to us digitally). We should all make copies and distribute them. In addition we received a \$50 gift certificate from the British Beer Company which we can use as a raffle or door prize at an event. Finally, related to fund raising, the idea of partnering with 4 Seas Ice Cream was raised.

The issue of buying a banner and/or poster as proposed by Massachusetts Cultural Council was raised. There was discussion of the usefulness of the proposed banner and whether we might get a standing banner that could be used in a wider variety of settings. The cost of the banners was also questioned as being high. Janet agreed to check on other possibilities for a banner.

Our being named as the outstanding council of the year among 300+ across the state was discussed and several members of the council indicated that they plan to attend the event at the State House on February 11. This event is an advocacy event, and Participants should go prepared to speak on behalf of the arts with state legislators. We are encouraged to sign up for the event and the bus on the MCC website and to volunteer to meet with representatives.

We began the planning for the Grantee Reception. Tentatively it will be held at the Cape Cod Art Museum from 5:30 to 7:00 on March 27 or April 3. Angela and Sharon will coordinate the activity. As a part of the discussion of the event, it was suggested that grantees be asked to sign a letter of acceptance/commitment to go forward with

funded projects. Mary Carroll will draft and send out such a document.