

HARWICH CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

at The 204, Creative Suite

Present: Bernadette Waystack- Chair, Dinah Lane- Clerk, Chris Banks-Treasurer, Victoria Brown, Jackie Leach, Pam North, Nina Schuessler. Erica Strzepek -members

Absent: Sharon Moore- Grants Coordinator

Call to Order: 4:00 PM

Chair's Report: Introduction and welcome of new member, Erica Strzepek.

Kara Mewhinney will report to the Council next month on Cultural Affairs. She is wrapping up the summer program planning now. Kara also reviewed the draft of the cultural section of the Comprehensive plan. In addition, she is looking into the possibility of purchasing video equipment for The 204, which could then be used to videotape Cultural Council meetings. Bernadette did an interview for Channel 8 with the Voter Information Committee. Regarding recruitment of new HCC members, she reported that the Town Administrator's office will be keeping applications on file and reviewing them as positions become available. There was an email from MCC to Council members, announcing that the Local Cultural Council program of the MCC is turning 35 years old this year. Councils are encouraged to send in video or other testimonials to help celebrate the anniversary.

Minutes: January 9, 2025 minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Chris sent the following information previously by email:

Treasurer report 2/13/25

Fund 1501 = \$12,497.79

Fund 1730 = \$2,729.41

HCC Treasurer Chris Banks

Old Business: Jackie and Pam presented a job description for the Youth Rep position, and potential application questions as follows:

Youth Representative Statement

As a member of the Cultural Council, you will have the opportunity to engage with local artists and art supporters, enhance your visibility within the

community, and contribute to the future of arts and culture in Harwich. The youth representative provides the student perspective, participates in discussions, and speaks on behalf of peers. Additionally, mentorship from fellow Council members will aid in developing leadership skills and gaining valuable experience for educational and professional growth.

Application Questions

- Tell us about your involvement with art/community/expression/creativity right now? What would you like it to be?*
- If you were to join the Harwich Cultural Council, what are the top three things you would like to learn about?*
- What insights of experiences would you like to offer to the Council (everything counts!)*
- Who would you like to use as a reference and what do you believe they would say about you?*

After general discussion and agreement, it was decided that Pam and Jackie will prepare a draft application for final approval at next meeting, Erica offered to format the final application and put it in a google doc. Erica will talk with Caleb Ladue about posting it online.

New Business: A 2025 grant recipient had sent in a request for pre-payment for supplies related to their project. It was stated that the Council has a reimbursement system only. Bernadette will get back to the applicant to convey this information.

Agenda Building: Review of Council Priorities

Meeting Adjourned: 4:58 PM

