

Montague Cultural Council
April 8, 2018; 1:10 – 2:40 pm
Gill-Montague Senior Center

Members present: John, Dan, Jan, Kate, Jen, Shannon, Anne, guests: Suzanne LoMonto,
Cindi Oldham

Not present: Rachel, Pam

1. Chairperson opens meeting 1:10 pm

2. Approval of Minutes

Change header to show that Jan was not present at March meeting. Anne moves to accept minutes with this change, Kate seconds, all approve.

3. Treasurers Report

No new updates.

4. Programming FY18

Lovelight Childrens Show auditions & show preparations have been very creative & successful.

Watercolor workshop is full and has a splashy promotional flier.

PVSO show is done & Dan will follow up with them to be sure they file a final report.

Jan updated us on the Building Bridges Mural project. There will be a planning meeting Monday April 9 from 4-7pm.

Whale Tale Puppet Show is April 19 at 3pm at Millers Falls Library, during school vacation week. Kate is working to promote and follow up with that.

Full Disclosure festival is next weekend, April 14-15 all through Turners Fall. Suzanne has free tickets to give out to cultural volunteers & folks who want to go but cannot afford ticket price.

“Road to Mecca” is no longer able to include a portion of their event at the Gill-Montague Senior Center, and is instead offering free transportation for folks from Montague and throughout Franklin County to Hawks & Reed in Greenfield in order to participate. The event is geared toward those 65 and older, but open to anyone.

5. Cultural District Updates

Suzanne updated us on what the Cultural District is working towards, including increasing foot traffic between town amenities like Unity Park and downtown shops, a signage committee for improvements on the Route 2 signs. Jen suggested having the subcommittee meetings posted as town meetings with 48 business hours' notice for clarification to the public. RiverCulture hopes to find funding to contribute to Montague Cultural Council for annual grant cycle. With the downtown becoming a cultural district, the RiverCulture is looking to expand its mission to include all five villages.

Ways the mcc can help RC: share the weekly "What's happening" Thursday Facebook posts. Think about joining the RiverCulture Executive Committee, who plans to meet 4 times per year to help steer the RiverCulture projects and stay on budget.

6. DCU presentation take aways

Suzanne went to a workshop about getting youth involved in culture. She's currently helping the Brick House apply for 3 year grants.

Jen highlighted the differences between the rural/small town struggles vs metro area.

7. FY19 Preliminary Planning

Jen and Shannon are councilors until 2019 and both will be stepping down from their respective posts as Chair and Secretary for FY19.

Dan Kate John Anne and Pam on on council until 2020

Anne will continue as Treasurer OR she would be open to swapping with someone to become Secretary if another person stepped up as Treasurer.

Cindi Oldham to officially join.

Would be great to get 2 or more new folks on the council who would be on for a three year term ending in 2021.

Next meeting tentatively set for June 10.

Anne moves to adjourn, Shannon seconds, all approve. Adjourn at 2:40pm