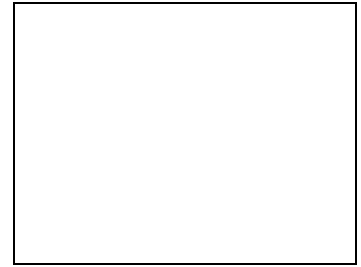




MINUTES TEMPLATE



COMMITTEE: Nantucket Cultural Council Time Meeting called to Order: 4:07 pm

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2023 Time Meeting Adjourned: 4:34 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT via ZOOM: Emma Young (Co-Chair), Michael Kopko, Tony Wagner, and Sarah Ellis

NOT PRESENT: Ava Rollins (Co-Chair)

STAFF PRESENT: Shantaw Bloise-Murphy

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	VOTES / ROLL CALL
1. Welcome Council Members	Mrs. Bloise-Murphy read the virtual meeting script and reviewed meeting rules.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Motion to move April and May Meeting Minutes Vote to the September Meeting for approval. Motion	4-0
3. Spring Reception Recap	The Council agreed that it was a successful event. Ms. Ellis shared her appreciation for seeing how well Barbara from the Cape Verdean Museum was received. She proceeded to thank ReMain and Nantucket Island Creations for helping to make the event a success. Mr. Kopko echoed Ms. Ellis' commendations and added that it was a truly classy event. Ms. Young shared her hope that this event will help spread awareness for the Council and the grant opportunities.	
4. Discuss Direct Grant vs Reimbursement Grant	Ms. Young explained that the Mass Cultural Council seems to be encouraging councils to switch to direct grants. Mr. Kopko mentioned that the last time it was discussed, it seemed all agreed that direct grant was the best method. He wanted clarification whether the council was able to make that decision at this meeting. Ms. Young mentioned that a conversation needed to be had with finance and asked Shantaw to clarify the steps to making the transition. Shantaw explained that she spoke to finance and MCC and all are comfortable with the switch; however, the council needs to make an official vote. Ms. Young asked for clarification on when the checks would be issued. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy explained that once the grant recipients are selected, a contract will be issued. Upon receipt of all documents requested, the Culture & Tourism office will handle the request for payment to the grantees. They will be asked to do an annual report. However, this process will make it easier for the Council and the various departments	

involved, to track funding and reporting. Mr. Kopko added that MCC grants are usually direct grants, and this would put us in alignment with them.

Mr. Kopko motioned to shift Nantucket Cultural Council to a direct grant funding process and authorize Mrs. Bloise-Murphy to take the necessary steps to do so. Second by Mr. Wagner.

Michael Kopko - aye

Sarah Ellis - aye

Tony Wagner - aye

Emma Young – aye

Approved

4-0

5. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Ms. Young mentioned that there are no meetings in July & August. The grant cycle usually opens in early October, and it would be helpful to have a meeting prior to the opening date to discuss the FY24 Grant Cycle.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 14th at 4pm.

6. Other Business

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy mentioned that there are 2 open seats on the Council so please encourage interested parties to apply.

The Council discussed other funding sources to help increase the amount of grants it has to offer the community and expressed interest in exploring other grant opportunities and fundraising.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm

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