

**Dennis Arts and Culture Council
January 3, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT: Patty Barnes, Dennis Egan, Emily Entwisle, David Kaplan, Roger Shoemaker, Lisa Valkenier

ABSENT: Jane Cancellieri

Co-Chairs Emily Entwisle called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

The minutes of the December 6, 2023 meeting were approved.

Final Review of 2023-24 Grant Applications & Voting Meeting:

No appeals were received for the 17 disapproval letters for grant proposals for the FY24 cycle.

MCC granted \$5700 to DACC for FY24, and 5% of the allocation – \$285 – was reserved for DACC administrative expenses. There was a remaining balance from FY23, which was applied to the available amount for granting in FY24 as documented on the MCC website. This leaves DACC \$5602 to distribute to approved grantees in the 2024 grant cycle.

It bears noting that the MCC allotment to DACC for FY24 remains unchanged from FY23 - \$5700. The number of grant applications, however, jumped 32% for FY24. The 21 approved grant applications requested a total of \$14,225 from the DACC to fund their projects.

The final vote was held on the remaining 21 applications. Unlike previous years, none of the grantees will be funded fully.

PARTIAL FUNDING (21):

#1 – Davis R. Bates III – Sea Songs and Stories: A Performance for Seniors: \$267 (\$550 requested)

#4 – Cape Cod Community Television Corporation, Inc. – Studio on the Go: \$266 (\$415 requested)

#5 – Chatham Chorale, Inc. – Broadway! A Benefit Concert for the Family Pantry of Cape Cod: \$267 (\$650 requested)

- #6 – Chatham Marconi Maritime Center, Inc. – Chatham Marconi TechSmart on the Road: \$266 (\$400 requested)
- #7 – Dennis Public Library – Pop Up Art School: \$266 (\$300 requested)
- #8 – Eventide Arts, Inc. – DCAL Grand Opening Musical Revue: \$267 (\$1,000 requested)
- #9 – Eventide Arts, Inc. – Fun with Fosse: \$267 (\$750 requested)
- #13 – Giocosa Chamber Music – Giocosa Chamber Music 23/24 Season: \$267 (\$500 requested)
- #15 – Harwich Junior Theatre, Inc. – Costumes for Frozen at DY Intermediate School: \$267 (\$1000 requested)
- #17 – Rona Leventhal – Into the Dark: Stories From the Shadows! & Goblins and Giggles: Silly Stories for Halloween!: \$267 (\$1160 requested)
- #20 – Gregory Maichack – Edouard Manet Inspired “Flowers in a Crystal Vase” Pastel Painting: \$267 (\$626 requested)
- #24 – Song Keepers, LTD – Thump & Soul Live: \$267 (\$2300 requested)
- #25 – South Dennis Free Public Library Association – Make Art with Miss Veronica!: \$266 (\$408 requested)
- #26 – South Side Civic Association – Concerts on the Dennis Port Green: \$267 (\$600 requested)
- #28 – Julie Stepanek – Learn How To Play The Ukulele: \$267 (\$466 requested)
- #30 – The Awareness Project, Inc. – Two Sessions of Mindfulness Arts Programming at the Dennis CFAL: \$266 (\$300 requested)
- #31 – The Cape Cod Museum of Art, Inc. – Expanding Exposure to the Arts through School Visitations program: \$267 (\$500 requested)
- #32 – The Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Inc. – Rise & Shine Program: \$267 (\$650 requested)
- #34 – Roger L. Tincknell – This Land is Your Land music program: \$267 (\$650 requested)
- #35 – Village Improvement Society of Dennis – Summer Concerts on the Dennis Village Green: \$267 (\$500 requested)
- #37 – Matt York – The Highwaymen Songs and Stories: \$267 (\$500 requested)

Approvals will be sent out electronically to the 21 applicants along with the required forms: grant agreement; W-9 form; and instructions for the final report. An explanation will be included in the approval letters about the 0% increase in FY24 allocation from the MCC, the 32% increase in grant applications for FY24, and that the DACC priorities, published on the MCC

website, were followed in approving grants. Grant money can be issued as soon as the W-9 form is received from each grantee.

The DACC Grant Decisions report is due on the MCC website by January 17, 2024, which allows the MCC funds to be released to the Town of Dennis account.

NEXT MEETING:

The February 7, 2024 meeting will focus on a proposed cultural district designation in the Town of Dennis. Dennis Selectboard Member Carlyn Carey and State Representative Chris Flanagan are expected to attend and present the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5 PM at
the Dennis Police Department**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Valkenier, Recording Secretary