

**Dennis Arts and Culture Council**  
**August 9, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Emily Entwisle, Roger Shoemaker, Patty Barnes, David Kaplan, Dennis Egan, Carlyn Carey, Jane Cancellieri

**Absent:** Lisa Valkenier

Co-chair Emily Entwisle called the meeting to order at 5:33PM. In the absence of secretary, Lisa Valkenier, Jane Cancellieri recorded the minutes.

The minutes for the June 7, 2023 meeting were approved.

Members present introduced themselves to welcome new members, Patty Barnes and Dennis Egan. Selectboard member Carlyn Carey introduced herself as she is now the DACC liaison to Dennis Selectboard.

David Kaplan reported that the DACC gift account has \$103.53 and the grant account has \$201.67. Dennis Egan asked why aren't we fundraising. We explained that topic could be discussed later in the meeting agenda under Other Business. He objected.

David Kaplan will seek further information as to the cost of the rack cards. We will add a QR code to link to the DACC Facebook page with the ongoing community input survey. Rack card will include DACC email as well as where to apply for grants via the MCC website.

Emily reported the MCC guidelines do allow corporations to apply for grant funding. After discussion, it was decided that DACC would add to our priorities that projects submitted by non-profit applicants would be given preference over for-profit corporations.

Emily, Roger and Jane explained the grant review process and time line for the new members. Our focus as local arts council was to review applications for grant via the MCC SmartSimple website. Based on the MCC guidelines as well as our local priorities, we make decisions as to how funds are allocated to applicants. The grant cycle begins with MCC notifying DACC as to the amount of the allotment for

the given year. Artists submit their applications via the MCC website usually starting in September with a deadline of mid-October. At DACC meetings in November, December and January the applications are reviewed and grants are awarded by the MCC deadline usually the end of January.

DACC Priorities were reviewed, discussed and edited for the upcoming grant cycle.

Carlyn Carey, our selectboard liaison, will bring detailed information regarding a project to have a village of Dennis designated an arts and cultural area the September 6, 2023 meeting. She also mentioned our state Rep. Chris Flanagan and others may attend our Oct 4, 2023 meeting to discuss this special arts and cultural area designation. DACC agreed to add this to agendas for both meetings.

Jane Cancellieri will contact the Dennis Police Dept to request use to the community room for our upcoming meetings September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3, and February 7.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM