

**Dennis Arts and Culture Council
July 1, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

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PRESENT: Katie Gibbs, David Kaplan, Kate Martin, Lisa Valkenier

ABSENT: Emily Entwistle, Carolyn Bigelow (resigned, see below)

Chair Kate Martin called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

The minutes for the April 1 meeting were approved.

Carolyn Bigelow submitted her resignation via email on July 1 due to family health problems.

Financial Report:

Treasurer David Kaplan reported that extra funds are available in the DACC account, which can be used for administrative costs, such as cards to publicize DACC.

Kate Martin reported that there are 3 grantees with outstanding paperwork:

1. Ragtime Jack: no recent contact; event was scheduled for Spring 2019 (\$250 grant)
2. Cape Cod Festival of Arab & Middle Eastern Cinema: this event was cancelled because the Dennis venue was available. Per the MCCC, which Kate Martin contacted, the \$150 grant cannot be reallocated. The grant money stays in the DACC account for this year and can be used for administrative costs, such as printing DACC publicity cards.
3. Cape Cod Christmas Revelry: no response or paperwork received; grantee was contacted during the meeting and says that the paperwork was mailed (\$200 grant)

Kate will contact Ragtime Jack and Cape Cod Christmas Revelry again.

National Night Out:

This municipal event will be held on Tuesday, August 6 in Dennisport. The hours probably will be 4-7 PM. DACC participated for the first time in August 2018. It was a success, raising awareness of DACC and engaging with the community. Kate Martin and Lisa Valkenier committed to attending. Other DACC members possibly may attend. Snacks will be provided, and DACC will request a table and chair from Town Hall. We have our own small table & beach chairs, if necessary. Past chair, Patti Sowpel, has the DACC banner.

2019-2020 Funding Year:

The deadline for posting revisions to the DACC funding priorities on the MCC website is September 1. We discussed changing the wording of the priorities concerning applicants demonstrating a clear benefit to the Dennis community. The order of the listed priorities will be changed to promote clarity. Lisa Valkenier will submit a revised priorities list to be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

Continuing the MCC pilot program for another year was discussed. The pilot program seems to be working so far. Only one grantee has complained about the procedural changes associated with the pilot.

Increasing publicity for and awareness of DACC was discussed. There are more followers on Instagram than on Facebook. Both accounts have been updated with photos of recent events.

Participating in other town events also was discussed. Katie Gibbs will check out other Dennis arts-related venues and events, such as Family Day at the Cape Cod Museum of Art. David Kaplan will check with the Village Improvement Society about participating in the Dennis Stroll during the holiday season.

The topic of creating another card to promote the DACC and its activities was raised.

Town Hall Art Exhibit:

David Kaplan will order the cards advertising the Town Hall art exhibit for distribution around town. The cost is expected to be about \$100

for 500 cards. This expenditure will be covered by the extra funds (cited above) in the DACC account.

Kate Martin noted that new and different local artists responded to the 2019 call for artwork after the project's first year in 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Valkenier, Recording Secretary