**Bolton Cultural Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 6, 2022**

**7:00 pm**

**Via Zoom**

Attendees:

Chair: Chris Sterling

Members: Pat Bensetler, Clare Moses, Maureen Strapko,

Jem Mix, Margot Brody

Guest: David R. Gammons

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

It was agreed that “orphan requests”, proposals without local sponsors, or a demonstrated connection to Bolton and its residents, would be denied. The following were denied on that basis:

Folk, Jazz and Film Music for Trumpet and Piano

Cycle of Memory

Duo Pianists, Composers, and Educators Whipples and Morales

Songs and Stories: The Highwaymen

After discussion, 21 grants totaling $6,100 (our entire budget) were approved.

300 Bolton and Harvard Open Studios

500 Concerts on the Common/ Bolton Parks and Rec

600 Drama Enrichment/Meredith Charles

330 Arts from the Heart/Clear Path for Veterans

100 Open Door Connections/Discovery Museums

200 Regional Exhibition of Arts and Craft/ Fitchburg Art Mus.

325 Yours for Humanity-Abby/Bolton Seniors

250 Edible Wild Plants of the NE/Bolton Seniors

200 Puccini Double Bill/Greater Worcester Opera

320 Jumpin Juba Senior Concert/Steven Hurl

200 Bach Lunch Concert Series/Indian Hill Music Center

250 The Howler/NRHS literary magazine

250 Pride Parade and Rally/Lauren Mahoney

250 Nashoba FIRST Robotics Team

500 Spring Musical/NRHS Friends of Drama

250 Nashoba Symphonic Band

375 Musical Baseball Show/Howard Newman

100 Sounds of Stow

200 Symphony Pro Musica

400 Writing for Wellness/Virginia Thurston Healing Garden

200 Worcester Music Society

There was a brief discussion of ways the Council can be a more visible presence, and more of a resource in the community. This will be discussed in more detail at a later meeting. It was suggested that having more meetings might be helpful also.

Denial letters will be sent this week. Denied applicants have 15 days to request reconsideration. Award letters will be sent after the reconsideration process, if necessary, is complete.

Current Officers Chris Sterling (chair), Clare Moses (secretary), and Maureen Strapko (treasurer) were reelected for one year terms.

The meeting was adjourned

Submitted by Clare Moses