

MEETING OF SHEFFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5:00pm

In-person meeting, Town Hall

Present: Amy Rudnick, Joe Kolodziej, Tod MacKenzie (via phone), Paul O'Brien, Bonnie Silvers, Jessica Treat, Hester Velmans and Phyllis Webb.

Absent: Sally Haver, Gillian Hettinger, Frances Roth

- The Council convened at 5:05 pm. The minutes of the 12/6/22 meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's report: Current account balance is \$3,445; we had held back \$500 for expenses last year. Five grantees have not yet asked for the money. Last year's appeal letter brought in just under \$5000.
- Membership and officers: Amy Rudnick's and Paul O'Brien's terms are up on June 30 of this year. There was a discussion on who will take their place as officers. Hester Velmans volunteered to co-chair for one year since her term will be up next year. So far no one else has stepped forward to be co-chair or treasurer. Jessica Treat kindly agreed to be secretary. Four names were suggested for new members, Amy will follow up.
- It was decided that we will need another meeting in early June to vote in new members and new officers.
- Fundraising: The appeal letter, targeting mostly previous donors, was successful so we will send one out again this fall. Discussion about possible event at Dewey Hall; some expressed doubt it would be successful. We may print out short pieces on individual grantees that can be distributed at the Farmer's Market, Ice cream Social and Sheffield in Celebration.
- Request for town match: Amy will craft a letter for Select Board. Bonnie Silvers and Phyllis Webb are point persons for getting it on the Warrant for next year.
- Cultural council survey is required every three years — probably needs to be done next year.
- Adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hester Velmans