

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** Peg Landon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The LCC met at Storrs Library. Peg welcomed everyone back. The following LCC were in attendance: Peg Landon, Caitlin Cronin, Rowland Hawthorne, Rob Humberston, Thea Katsounakis, Katherine McGonigle, Evelyn Pratt and Andrea Schultz. Absent: Peter Thomsen.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as of February 8, 2021 and was accepted and approved as written. Report approved by LCC as listed above (Thea abstained and Peter Thomsen was absent).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rob gave the Treasurer's Report. The new allocation for grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts totaled \$8,600 and with a balance of \$2,379 set aside, after deducting \$400 for administrative expenses, the total for funding for the new cycle is \$10,979. Cancelled funds will carry forward.

**PUBLICITY REPORT:** Andrea gave the Publicity Report. She has been pushing information to local groups and getting information out to various local publications and social media, including Newcomers Club, Longmeadow Dad's Club.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

(a) Status Report of outstanding 2020 and 2021 grants:

There was a status report of outstanding 2020 and 2021 grants. The 2020 extended grants were Over 60 Club, Park and Recreation, (which has been cancelled), Kristin Flanagan and Trio Candela. The 2021 Grants (which are to be taken by March 2022) are Hannah Merrill (which has been cancelled), Dyer Maker Studio, Kirk Whipple Duo Concert, Longmeadow Historical, Nolumbeka Project, Dr. Jesse Green, Senior Theater, Mariel Gross LHS Art and Novi Cantori (cancelled).

(b) Discuss and agree on an extension policy:

There was a discussion on whether or not to extend the March 2022 deadline to implement the above named programs if they need to go beyond March 2022. After a discussion, a motion was made for grants of the 2020 and 2021 cycles as named above to be allowed to implement their programs by extending the date to June 30, 2022 and for the 2022 cycle to maintain the customary process of one year, seconded and approved. It was a unanimous approval by the LCC in attendance, Peg Landon, Caitlin Cronin, Rowland Hawthorne, Rob Humberston, Thea Katsounakis, Katherine McGonigle, Evelyn Pratt and Andrea Schultz. Not voting Peter Thomsen due to his absence.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussed the 2022 grant assignments and presentation format. Peg said there were 33 grant applications received. We will continue with the format we had last year. Each LCC member will review 3 or 4 applications to present for discussion at the November 30 and December 13 meetings. There were 2 grant applications submitted by Storrs Library in their name and Rob, Katie and Peg can't vote due to a conflict of interest. If independent artists perform at Storrs Library, Rob, Katie and Peg can vote. Presentation format for November 30 would include review of half of the applications received and the other half to be reviewed on December 13.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** The LCC will meet on the following dates: Tuesday, November 30; Monday, December 13 and Monday, January 10. Times will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Storrs Library applications will be reviewed on December 13. On January 10 we will have the final figures and vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There was a brief discussion on the LCC Facebook account. Bill Eagan (former LCC Chair) needs to delete account. Evelyn will start a new Facebook account.

**ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea Elizabeth Katsounakis  
Secretary