

Sterling Cultural Council Meeting
Butterick Building, Rm 201
Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00pm

Present: Richard Maki, Rosanne Mapp, Diane Pedersen, Beth Stephenson, Margaret Spalding.

Officers: Rosanne Mapp, Chair

Diane Pedersen, Secretary

Margaret Spalding, Treasurer

Rosanne proposed and the council agreed to meet quarterly in order to develop more initiatives and awareness of the work of the Council.

Dates were set for Thursdays at 7:00pm on:

November 21, 2019— to vote on applications

March 19, 2020, June 18, 2020, October 20, 2020

Rosanne reported that she had set up a FaceBook page for the Sterling Cultural Council to be found under the name "Sterling, MA Cultural Council." The hope is that it will be an avenue of advertising the programs that the Council funds, informing the town of the function of the Council and encourage people in the community to apply for grants. Other ways of reaching the public were discussed: A reception for the winners of the grants, advertised through the "Meetinghouse News," "The Landmark," and possibly the mailing list of the Sterling Creative Collaborative.

The mission statement:

Building Community Bridges; creating a close-knit community by sponsoring and supporting activities and events that bring the diverse elements of our community together for enjoyment and cultural enrichment.

was approved and is part of the FaceBook page and MCC webpage.

Rosanne will send the Mass Cultural Council website and log-in procedure information via email to each of the members. Fourteen applications for grants have been filed. The State has granted the Sterling Council \$5800 for 2020. The Town of Sterling has approved another \$3500 (or \$3550. Rosanne will inquire with Fred Aponte, the Town Accountant).

Rosanne will check with Lisa at MCC to see if it is possible to take late submissions for consideration in this funding cycle.

Meeting Ended at 7:55pm.

Next meeting: November 21, 2019, at 7:00pm in Room 201 of the Butterick Building

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Pedersen