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Sterling Cultural Council

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 4:30 pm

Present: Shawn Boyle, Chris Corff, Judy Doherty, Julia Meehan Doherty, and Patricia Ward. Guests: Diane Pedersen and David Shnaider.

Patricia made a motion to approve the May 2, 2023 minutes; Shawn seconded. All approved.

Update on Felting Workshop

- Patricia posted poster in various spots in town and on the Sterling FB page. She has sent out acceptance letters and waivers. So far only 3 have applied. Lyn has posted the event on her FB page as well.
- David is on the Clinton and Lancaster FB pages and will post on their community pages. He published it in Meetinghouse News and The Item as well. He will also send to the Guardian Angels Home School group.
- Shawn posted a TikTok but had a hard time with the Sterling FB page.
- Julia will help Judy set up an Instagram page.
- Judy made a motion to pay Diane Pedersen \$100 to design posters for the fleeing workshop and three upcoming coffee house events. Patricia seconded the motion. All approved.
- Diane will try to post on the Lancaster and Sterling Public Cable TV.

Treasurer's Report

- Patricia spent the following:

Coffee urn 30 cup	44.99
Electric kettle	27.99
100 coffee cups	31.99
Tea assortment	10.62
Sugar packets	19.84
5 pounds coffee	55.09
2 tablecloths	18.99

Napkins	17.82
Utensils	14.42
Message board	198.84
Coffee stirrers	5.99
Total:	446.58

- Patricia will make a up a bill for Lyn Slade's workshop. She will also buy containers for supplies.

Chris: Mass Cultural Cultural Zoom Meeting

- Some towns were shocked that we get money from the town.
- Some had a reception for grant recipients.
- Ayer (?) sponsored art on the rail trail.
- Fitchburg Art Museum free on certain days.

Coffee House Plans

- Who should be paid? If an open mic or poetry slam, nothing. If one band, pay them for the night. Judy made a motion to spend no more than \$200 for individual performers; Julia seconded. All approved.
- If it is one band, they bring their own mics. If not, we can borrow.
- Good to have music in between stories, poems, etc.
- Diane knows two women from Princeton for a poetry night.
- Shari from the Rec Department knows of a woman from Sterling who could play music; Diane said the Princeton Art Society used her. (Aili Bauman, a student at Berklee School of Music.) Would be good to use with Moth story telling.
- Trivia night will be the kick off with different age groups. There are people who do this for a job. Could use DJ with music. Julia will do some research.
- We could get gift certificates from The Brick, Emma's Cafe, Meadowbrook.... Patricia made a motion to spend \$50 each for The Brick

and Meadowbrook and five \$10 gift cards for Emma's Cafe; Shawn seconded. All approved.

Promoting Grant Opportunities

- David thought doing something creative in addition to the standard from the Mass Cultural Council would be good. He will look into it. We will spend more time on it at next meeting.

Other Business

- Melissa Warren was approved by Select Board to join the committee.
- Patricia made a motion to purchase a gift certificate from Notown for \$25; Judy seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned 5:38

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 25 @ 3:00 pm room 205 Butterick Building