

**Sterling Cultural Council Meeting**  
**Butterick Building, Rm 201**  
Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:30pm

**Present:** Rosanne Mapp, Margaret Spaulding, Beth Stephenson, Diane Pedersen, Patricia Ward

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2020, were approved.

**New Member:** Judy Doherty was voted in unanimously as a new member of the committee.

**Chair's Report:**

- The Sterling Senior Center sent a letter explaining that due to Covid-19, their program was unable to be live, but was taped and will air a few times on the SLCTV station for the wider community. Their invoice was enclosed. It was voted to accept the changes to their program.
- Rosanne was again contacted by Mr. Root regarding his application. It was made clear to him that his application was turned down for 2020 and that he could not carry that same application into 2021, but would need to reapply.
- **New Deadline:** The Mass Cultural Council has moved the deadline for applications to December 14th at 11:59pm. The budget that the local CCs will work with has not yet been determined.
- The Chair shared a draft of a mission statement, statement of priorities, and the SCC's summary for the Town's annual report. The committee voted to approve the documents.
- **Grantees' Follow-up Instructions:** Patricia Ward will write up a letter with a checklist for grant recipients to follow.
- **Art in the Park:** A festival of the Arts was envisioned for once or twice a year once the Covid-19 is under control. Sterling residents involved in all the arts/culture would be invited to participate in sharing their talents with the public. It could also be an opportunity to find out more about the MCC/SCC grants and be encouraged to plan programs and apply.
- **Bios for the website:** So far, there are only a very few artist bios on the SCC website. It is envisioned that this would be a resource for artists to connect with each other and the public. The Council members are encouraged to reach out to others they know to solicit participation.
- **Town Hall Closing:** A reminder that Town Hall would be closing on 11/27/20 because of the spike in Covid-19. The next meeting will likely be on Zoom. As they arrive, the applications will be on line in the MCC "toolkit."

**Treasurer's Report:** As of June, the balance in the SCC account was \$9202.73.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 14, at 6:30pm It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Pedersen  
Scribe