**Sterling Cultural Council**

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 at 3:00 pm

**Present:** Chris Corff, Judy Doherty, Molly Hartnett, Julia Doherty Meehan, Christine McCarthy, Patricia Ward, Melissa Warren.

Patricia made a motion to approve the minutes from the Oct. 12 and Nov. 14 meetings; Judy seconded; all approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

4,071.99 state

3223.99 will be left of state money after paying out grants

138.22 interest

4,410.93 town

**Grant Approvals:**

Carol Grinkis resubmitted the Sterling Garden Club Grant in her name; it was approved.

Patricia made a motion to approve all of the grant proposals we had tentatively approved at the last meeting; Judy seconded; all approved.

**Other:**

The group discussed upcoming January 12, 2024, Community Night plans.

Judy secured a music act with Kim Bourgeois and her husband Mike plus a friend Leo playing folk/acoustic music and offering OPEN MIC opportunity. All are invited.  Doors open at 6:15.  Music from 6:30 - 8PM.

Judy asked for help promoting the event.

The group approved paying Diane Pedersen to do Flyers.

Christine asked about contacting the schools to get musicians involved.  So far no one volunteered to do that.

Judy & Melissa will meet to plan snacks. They will host January 12.

Julia and Judy will help set up. All are invited to bring tablecloths, homemade snack.

Judy send out an email to request any help needed with set up, clean up, snacks.

Discussion raised by Chris centered around how often to meet.  Chris suggested less frequently.

Julia recommended that if approved grantees fit monthly events we would not need to have as many planning meetings.

Judy overviewed some of the dates and approved activities for 2024.

The group decided not to meet on January 9.

Chris suggested listing Sterling Cultural Council along with other volunteer opportunities on the town website.

Our next meeting will be Friday January 12 for those who can attend the Community Night.

Our next planning meeting will be February 13, 2024.