**ATTENDEES**

* Sarah Cronin, Brianna Cummings, Kaye Kelly, Lauren Sanford, Patrick Kinner, Pushpa Jangreddi, Swati Rao

**VOTING ON MINUTES**

* **End of November** meeting minutes were voted on

All Board members voted **“yea”** to approve the minutes

**FCC GRANT DISCUSSION**

Members of the Cultural Council had a final discussion about grant applications for FY2023. Following conversations about all of the applications, this meeting’s purpose was to determine a definitive list of grants that would be funded for FY2023. All members of the council participated in discussion, keeping in mind the following grant priorities:

* Grants that are for events within the town of Franklin
* Events that will occur within the Cultural District
* Service Oriented/Community Programming
* Programs that seek to help create a more inclusive cultural sector
* Events that will link the arts to emotional well-being and/or community resiliency

Of the 53 applications received, the Council made the decision to fund 28 applicants, and deny the remaining 25. At the conclusion of the meeting, denial letters were sent to those applicants who would not receive funding. Letters were sent through the MCC (Massachusetts Cultural Council) website, where those applicants will receive a letter that the Council was not able to fund their grant, and why. After denial letters are sent, there is a 15 day waiting period before acceptance letters can be sent to the 28 applicants who will receive funding.

**GRANT APPLICANT COMMUNICATION TIMELINE**

* **December 6th** - rejection letters sent to applicants who would not receive funding
* **December 21st** - acceptance letters are able to be sent to applicants who will receive funding

**BUDGET UPDATES**

* All **$27,000** allocated for grant applicants for FY2023 have a designated recipient
* Roughly **$9,800** remaining for the Arts Symposium, tentatively being held March 4th, 2023
  + The Franklin Cultural Council will work with members of the Franklin Cultural District to execute this event.

**BOARD RESIGNATIONS**

* Patrick Kinner will be resigning as a member of the Franklin Cultural Council
* Kaye Kelly will be stepping down as Chair of the Franklin Cultural Council
  + She has offered generously to assist current members of the Council in the completion of the grant process for FY2023, and will be in attendance at the FCC’s January meeting.

**UPCOMING MEETING**

* Members of the Franklin Cultural Council will meet again on January 6th, 2023.

**ADJOURN.**