

## Franklin Cultural Council Meeting Agenda

Sept 28, 2016

- 1) Minutes from Aug 26 approved
- 2) New member meeting— Barbara Gardner
- 3) Grant Cycle process — we will get PDF around Nov 1 and will need to meet to review grants between Nov-Dec. Stacey would like to break it up into 2 meetings. The third Thurs is now our scheduled mtg time at 7pm. Does that work with everyone's schedule? That would be Nov 17 and Dec 15. We must have a quorum to vote at these meetings, which means 50% of membership +1.
- 4) Budget — Stacey has done all the calculations, and based on what we have in the bank, the \$11K promised this year from state and town, minus currently encumbered funds, we have \$13,466 to grant out this period. (\$10,466 from state funds, which incl this year's allocation of \$8K plus unencumbered from previous years, and \$3K from town. There is also add'l town funds from previous years, should we choose to grant more.)
- 5) Administrative dollars to allocate prior to grant period — stationery, postage, etc. — Stacey tentatively put in \$250. Thoughts? We have to vote on this amount to include in our annual report to the state. Group votes to approved \$250.
- 6) Susan & Stacey met Jim Dacey and feel like we finally have a handle on where things stand and the processes for better tracking going forward.
- 7) Press releases went out—thank you Karen! Waiting for responses.
- 8) Change of address has been done. Now 355 East Central
- 9) Communication — new email address set up — franklinculturalcouncil02038@gmail.com; will send out updated member info list
- 10) LCC Basics Training — Susan and Teresa still need to complete
- 11) New Business—do we want to consider Commonwealth Awards? Decision is not this year.

### Call for Nominations: 2017 Commonwealth Awards

Presented every two years by the MCC, the awards recognize both the well-known and the unsung heroes who contribute to our quality of life in Massachusetts through their creativity, commitment, and public spirit. The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 28 at noon. Winners will be notified in late November.

**Leadership** – For the leader of a nonprofit cultural organization, school, or community who has shown extraordinary commitment to serving the public.

**Creative Community** – For a city, town, or community-based organization that has demonstrated the central role of arts and culture in building healthier, more vital, more livable communities.

**Achievement** – For an individual or cultural organization whose creative achievements have uniquely enriched life in MA.

**Creative Youth Development** – For an individual, school, or cultural organization that has successfully helped young people develop their creative potential, foster critical learning and life skills, and become active contributors to their communities.

**Cultural Philanthropy** – For an individual, corporation, or foundation that has made lasting contributions to the cultural life of Massachusetts through charitable giving.

**Media** – For an individual or media organization that has demonstrated outstanding support of the cultural community in Massachusetts by telling its stories to the broader public.

**Access** – For exceptional organizations or programs that make the arts, humanities, and/or sciences accessible and inclusive for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and other underserved populations.