

**Franklin Cultural Council**  
**Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 2nd 2023; 7:30-9:00PM**  
**VIRTUAL - Held on ZOOM**

**ATTENDEES**

- Sarah Cronin, Brianna Cummings, Lauren Sanford, Pushpa Jangreddi, Swati Rao

**VOTING ON MINUTES**

- **January** meeting minutes were voted on
- All Board members voted “yea” to approve the minutes

**GRANT EXTENSION DISCUSSION**

- The Council discussed a request received for a grant extension by the Franklin Girl Scouts. The decision was made unanimously to allow for an extension through May 31st, 2023.
- In general, the Council agreed that grant extensions would be allowed on a one-time basis, and additional conversation would occur should there be multiple requests from the same applicant.

**ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRAINING**

- Brianna Cummings shared updates about completing Ethics and Conflict of Interest training/acknowledgements with the group, to be completed.

**METROWEST ARTS AND CULTURE SYMPOSIUM UPDATES**

- Brianna Cummings represented the FCC in the most recent virtual discussion with members of the Franklin Cultural District, who will be taking the lead on this year’s symposium.
  - Based on the availability of the Cultural District members, and their vision for the event, it will be held on **Thursday, March 30th** from 6:30-9pm at Dean College.
  - The theme of the symposium will be a panel discussion about the way that support of the arts helps to bolster the local economy.
  - The panel will be moderated by Kaye Kelly, with Michael Bobbitt giving the keynote address. Panelists are still being finalized, but 2 are currently confirmed:
    - Chancellor Augustus (Dean College)
    - Erin Lynch (Metrowest Visitor’s Bureau)
    - Lisa Simmons (MCC - waiting to confirm)
- The FCC will contribute to this year’s symposium mainly through the following:
  - Financial support - the FCC will be contributing money in order to hold the event
  - Advertising - via Facebook, local blogs and newspapers, and sharing the event with the MCC and other local Cultural Councils
    - Marketing materials are being finalized with Allegra printing, and should be ready in early February

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- There will be no cost of attendance for this year's Symposium, but donations will be accepted both before and during the event
  - Registration will still occur online, there will just not be an associated cost per ticket.
- Next steps for planning the symposium include discussion of questions to be asked by the moderator to each of the panelists, and finalizing a run of show for the event.

**BUDGET UPDATES**

- The FCC Q2 budget has been reconciled with the Town Treasurer - expenses and income match through the end of the 2022 calendar year
- The \$15,000 allotment from the Town of Franklin has been received, and factored into the budget, as well as the \$17,400 allotment from the MCC.
- The FCC received an appropriation from the state of MA to go against the 2022 Festival.
- Roughly **\$9,000** will remain in the FCC budget, after all expenses for the year have been accounted for.
  - Expenses for the symposium are less than expected, because there is no cost for the space. Costs for the event will be catering (light refreshments) and marketing materials from Allegra.

**UPCOMING MEETING**

- Members of the Franklin Cultural Council will meet again on February 14th, 2023.

**ADJOURN.**