

CARLISLE CULTURAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Friday April 24, 2020

Present: Alain Bojarski, Mark Levitan, Jill Henderson, Carren Panico, Caren Ponty, Jen Sagalyn,

Not Present: Abby Zimmerman

1. **Call to Order** 9:06 AM

2. **Approval of Minutes** April 3, 2020

Motion to approve minutes as written made by Levitan, second by Bojarski. Roll call vote: Bojarski aye, Henderson, abstain, Levitan aye, Panico aye, Ponty aye, Sagalyn aye. Motion approved 5-0-1.

3. **Old Business**

A. Community survey

Sagalyn updated the group on the plan to launch the online survey. Members provided input about possible communication avenues, and many volunteered to reach out to specific organizations to promote the survey. Levitan will write a blurb for members to use for this purpose. A more detailed explanation suitable to appear in news media and newsletters will also be written and circulated to the Council. The link to the final survey design will be provided to members prior to the public launch.

B. Online multimedia arts showcase

Ponty updated the group on progress with this project. Communication with the high school administration has been slow due to the COVID-19 crisis and school vacation schedule. The consensus of the group was that it could take more time and oversight to have a high school student create and maintain a website for this purpose. Discussion ensued about engaging an experienced person to do design and maintain the site, as well the web infrastructure required to make this work (dedicated URL, hosting, etc.). Sagalyn asserted that the site needs to be designed according to accessibility guidelines; she will provide detailed information to the person designing the site.

Levitan made a motion to authorize Caren Ponty to engage with a person to design and maintain the Carlisle Cultural Council's Virtual Multimedia Showcase website for an amount not to exceed \$200, and expend an amount not to exceed \$65 on associated web domain and hosting costs. Second by Henderson.

Roll call vote: Bojarski aye, Henderson, aye, Levitan aye, Panico aye, Ponty aye, Sagalyn aye. Motion approved 6-0-0.

Ponty will advise the Chairs if it will be necessary to convene a meeting of the Council due to unanticipated costs.

5. **New Business**

A. Carlisle Cheer Project

Levitan initiated a discussion about reaching out to the ad hoc Carlisle Cheer Project to offer our assistance for future projects of theirs involving arts, music and culture.

They planned a “musical drive through” in Carlisle center for Saturday April 25; unfortunately, no Council members had been made aware of it. The consensus of the group was this was a lost opportunity for the Cheer Project to obtain the Council’s help and use our network of connections.

Carren Panico volunteered to reach out to Christine Lear, a former Council member, to convey this thought and offer our future assistance.

5. Treasurer Report

- A. FY19-20 Grants status. There was no disbursement activity in since the April 3 meeting.

6. Next meeting

- A. Consensus of the group was to schedule the next meeting based on need. There will be at least one additional meeting before the end of FY20 on June 30, 2020. The previously scheduled May 17 meeting will be canceled.

7. Meeting adjourned 9:58 AM