

Conway Cultural Council Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2024, 6pm  
Field Memorial Library

Council Members present: Ruth Bowman (Chair), Gayle Sullivan, Donna Sussek (Treasurer), Christine Kenneally, Theresa Carter (Secretary)  
Former Council member: Stein Feick  
Others in attendance: Ashley Parent, Jane Roy Brown

Meeting was brought to order at 6:06

Stein reported on the Community Input Survey and no category stood out as something the town is not interested in.

Ruth reached out to folks who responded to the survey who have expressed interest

Follow-up conversations on 2024 grantees:

- Call of the Wild, Frank Grindrod, Council voted to require a refund of \$450 (due date December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024; check should be made to The Town of Conway, memo – Conway Cultural Council), happy to consider a new application from him next year), Christine will send letter for Ruth to sign and send

Treasurer Report:

- MCC granted us \$5,700 for 2025
- Refund from Susan Todd - \$150
- Total available for grants - \$6,315.31
- We are allowed to hold back \$315.31 (5%) for administration costs – Council voted to do so, which gives us \$6,000

The Council discussed and voted on which proposals would be funded, for how much and which ones would not (and the reasons why). **Funding granted \$6,005, \$310.31 is left in the account.**

Theresa will send out denial letters; followed by acceptance letters (2 weeks later)

Notes on denials:

- Double-Edge Theater: does not serve any Conway residents (field trip for kids at Mohawk Regional)
- Beth Girshman: Does not have speakers lined up
- Hilltown Families: have not funded it in the past as it is a commercial venture supported by advertising
- Tom Knight: no letter from the venue – Christine is reaching out to him to encourage him for next year & remind him about the requirements
- George Owens, Pax Sax, No venue or date proposed
- Jennifer Powell, "You are Here" – No venue

- Jennifer Higgins, Musical Petting Zoo – No venue
- Dennis Wise, The Theft of Dignity – No venue

Meeting adjourned at 8:19