

Shutesbury LCC

1/8/24

In attendance: Cara , Matteo, Becca, Rory, Elizabeth

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Notes compiled by Elizabeth Pangburn

Cara: quick welcome, all confirm they were able to access the panel book

We have \$5500, total requested was about \$12000

Quick discussion about why there are so many more this year- its a wonderful thing, MCC is getting the word out.

Let's review how we preference applicants:

Matteo: reads mission: artistic creative merit, project design, qualification dedication and track record, physical accessibility, community benefit support, address diverse cultural needs, evidence of planning, financial need or evidence of other funding.

Priorities: Shutesbury residents, projects with a venue, projects with a broad range

Cara:Made a list of local applicants:

Sara Casillo
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CNC
Eli Elkus SAC
open studios
M.N. Spear Memorial Library
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SES

Anna Sobel

Julie

List of possible applicants from outside Shutesbury:

ProPublica is a small ask, and big benefit to our local community/neighbors

Hilltown Families

Pride

Uniquely Quabbin

How to spread the money around?

Sometimes we take a break from folks we have funded in the past.

Brief discussion of who we funded in the past: Pride two years ago, PVS not recently, etc

Who has alternative sources of funding?

Library: Friends of the Library

School: PTO

ProPublica: New Salem Academy?

Anything else we are excited about?

PVS: not enough benefit to Shutesbury folks with a streamed concert

#30- Sounds so great, but we require folks to have a venue. Lets refer him to the SAC

Joan Green!

She really knows what she is doing

Sara Casillo's pins- can we give feedback about making art opportunities for grown ups too!

Let's consider how many people will be served?

2 of Sara's applications only reach 8 pp- is that too few?

Cara reviewed the guidelines, and shared that reaching just a few people well is as effective and deserving as those that reach more people. We don't need to weight toward programs that reach more people. Sara has a lovely studio, and it would be great to get folks in there, especially as an alternative to the library- let's diversify the art opportunities in town!

Worms!

They are coming to Shutesbury- will be great.

Let's make some cuts!

There are too many folks to give one person multiple awards.

Let's fund the non-shutesbury folks at 50% + \$10

Lets fund the Library programs at 75%

Cara:

Additional business

We have \$200 for promo,

Let's make a logo! Can Cara do it?

We also need photos for the website/ Cara volunteered to take photos for the website.

Let's put some of this work onto the recipients- check the verbiage on the applications. Let's ask folks to submit photos.

Can the \$200 be distributed more broadly, to include the work Matteo does? It's a town website, so no.

Is there interest in a coffee hour? Not a meeting

All present indicated yes, that would be a welcome reprieve from our regular meetings

Cara will take the next steps to contact folks who were not funded.

Meeting notes were shared and approved.

Meeting called to close at 7:59! So efficient!