**Salem Cultural Council Meeting**

Held remotely over Zoom on February 1, 2021 from 7:00-9:30 PM

1. Roll Call

* In attendance: John Dobroski, Jess Conger-Henry, Matt Cornell, Samuel Lim, Trey Walsh, Thu Ngan N. Han

1. Prior Meeting Minutes Vote

* Meeting minutes from meeting on November 2, 2020 were posted on the Salem website for review before the vote.
* Jess approved; John seconded

1. Sugar Road Proposal Review
   * Leo Blanco, a 2019 grant recipient for a project called Sugar Road, was previously given an extension and, due to the pandemic, the extension was lengthened. The council decided in a prior meeting to allow him to present a solution to finishing his project. Co-Chair John Dobroski confirmed that council members had received his proposal and revied it prior to this meeting. Discussion ended with a unanimous vote that he needed to provide a timeline to the council and finish the project by June 2021 or return the funds.
2. Vote on 2021 Grants

* Co-Chair John Dobroski circulated the grant book from Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) following the last council meeting to allow councilmembers time to review. Council members ranked their grantee choices based on MCC and Salem Cultural Council (SCC) 2021 priorities, which are shared in advance on the SCC page on the MCC website. The council revied notes and discussed each application based on these priorities then chose which applicants would receive funding and which applicants would not. Council members then decided how much each grantee would receive based on the funding granted to the SCC from the MCC. Those applicants that will not receive funds will be notified by February 13, 2021, as dictated by the MCC. Applicants not receiving grants will have 30 days to dispute the decision of the SCC directly with MCC.
* Below are the voting results

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| **Wonderland Spectacle Co. Art Video for Kids** | | | |  |  |  |  | **Y** |
| **African American History Walking Tour** | | |  |  |  |  |  | **Y** |
| **Celebration of Racial Diversity** | |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Y** |
| **The Reaping Season** | |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Y** |
| **Salem Arts Festival - Collaborative Community Art Project** | | | | |  |  |  | **Y** |
| **Negro Election Day Virtual Museum** | | |  |  |  |  |  | **Y** |
| **Salem Film Fest 2021 - Salem Community Tickets** | | | |  |  |  |  | **Y** |
| **Bringing Back the Massachusetts Poetry Festival in Salem, MA** | | | | |  |  |  | **Y** |
| **Storytelling with Valerie Tutson: The Right to Liberty and Tales from African Traditions** | | | | | | |  | **Y** |
| **Shakespeare and Social Justice** | | |  |  |  |  |  | **Y** |
| Salem YMCA & Salem Sound Coastwatch Outdoor Classroom | | | | |  |  |  | N |
| Duo Pianists, Composers & Educators Whipple & Morales in Concert | | | | | |  |  | N |
| Musary Virtual Music Instruction | | |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Stephano: The True Story Of Shakespeare’s Shipwreck | | | |  |  |  |  | N |
| Salem Sketches 2021 | |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Salem Arts Association Event at Salem Maritime Park | | | |  |  |  |  | N |
| Midsummer Night's Dream: Socially Distanced Performance | | | | |  |  |  | N |
| Virtual Celebration of Printing | |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Videoed Performance of CRS for Salem & other towns | | | | |  |  |  | N |
| Creating in Salem - A Pastel Workshop | | |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Holiday Concert |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Saturday Nature Walks in Salem Woods | | |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| CHAINSAWS, CHEESEBURGERS AND ROCK N' ROLL- LIVE! | | | | |  |  |  | N |
| Now Be, Child |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Bach Again: New Body, Old Soul | |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Shakespeare in Song |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise for Seniors! | | |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Drive-In Shakespeare: As You Like It | | |  |  |  |  |  | N |

5. Adjourn