

Becket Cultural Council
June 5, 2023, Minutes

Members Present: Cathy Terwedow, Jane Markham, Lisa Rosier

Members attending on Zoom: Drea Pecor, Carole Rivel

Members absent: Shelley Chanler, Sarah Reedy, Tracy Wilson, Roberta Goldman

Two guests in attendance: Sue & Dave Finnegan

1. The May 4, 2023, minutes were approved as written.
2. In response to a question about member status: Roberta Goldman is cycling off this month; Shelley and Cathy are up for another three-year term. Drea suggested a new member, Mary Jo Connor, and is trying to recruit her. There has been no commitment yet.
3. Treasurer's report: Drea reported no requests for reimbursement and there are \$1500 in unencumbered funds for the Becket Washington School.
4. We continued discussing how to grant the additional \$3000 from the town, which must be done soon. With this additional funding we will have two grant schedules to manage: one using state funds, the other using town funds. The town funds MUST be used in the town of Becket to benefit those residents.

The group voted to fully fund the 2023 Becket grantees (those who were not granted the full amount of their grant request and whose programs are centered in Becket). The remaining funds (\$1215) would be divided among three local organizations that serve residents: The Becket Arts Center, The Becket Athenaeum, and The Becket Day Camp.

Due to members recusing themselves (Drea and Jane), Shelley Chanler, Sarah Reedy, and Tracy Wilson, were reached by phone for a vote. The votes went as follows:

- a) To fully fund past recipients from the last cycle: unanimous, with all members voting.
 - b) To offer the opportunity for a grant of \$405 to The Athenaeum: Drea and Jane recused themselves, all other members voted unanimously.
 - c) To offer the opportunity for a grant of \$405 to The Becket Arts Center: Drea recused herself, and all other members voted unanimously.
 - d) To offer the opportunity for a grant of \$405 to The Becket Day Camp: all members voted unanimously.
5. Cathy described the *Becket Beat*'s proposed reallocation of \$200 of their 2023 student internship grant. The repurposing of the funds was discussed and unanimously agreed upon. Cathy recused herself from the vote.