



York County Arts Commission Meeting

March 16, 2023

10:00 am

MINUTES

Attendance: Narielle Living, Mary Egan, Nancy Sullivan, Debora Sasin, Marci Swanson, Minnie Sippio (York County Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 by Narielle Living, Chairperson

Minutes from the November 10, 2022, meeting were approved. Motion was made by Nancy Sullivan and seconded by Mary Egan. There were no opposed.

Old Business

1. The grant-application workshop/seminar for all grant applicants on Thursday, February 2, at 10:00 a.m. at York Hall was a success. There were numerous representatives from local organizations. Narielle presented a PowerPoint outlining the Dos and Don'ts of the grant application process as well as walked the participants through the newly established online application. The Question-and-Answer part of the workshop allowed participants to inquire about their specific needs.

New Business

1. Minnie Sippio introduced members of the Commission to Amy Rowley, the new Parks and Recreation Director for the County.
2. Mary Egan asked the Commission if it had ever been discussed to include Humanities projects in the AC grant process. Since the Charter of the Arts Commission only includes the arts, the Commission determined that Humanities projects would not be considered.
3. The Commission began reviewing the grant requests that had been received.
 - a. Questions that arose during the discussion of the applications:
 - i. Can a group apply for and receive more than one grant? Yes, however each grant must be for a separate project.
 - ii. Can we have the association attach their budgets to the online request as separate forms? The online forms are extremely difficult to read. This discussion was tabled until we meet to begin next year's process.
 - iii. Groups need to be informed that members of the Arts Commission should be invited to the performance/presentation of their project.
 - iv. Groups receiving grants should acknowledge the support and funding received from the York County Arts Commission.
4. After reviewing 18 of the 36 requests, a Motion was made by Nancy Sullivan to table the application review until the next meeting on March 29 so that the Commission could



proceed with other business. Debora Sasin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. The Commission determined unanimously to submit the Fifes and Drums of York Town for the \$4500 FY24 Virginia Arts Commission Creative Communities Partnership Grant.
6. The Commission liaison list for 2024 was discussed. Final liaison assignments will be determined once grants are assigned.
7. Thursday, June 22, 2023, is the deadline for 2023 grant recipients to submit their final report for their grant project. York County IT has created an online submission form for the convenience of the recipients. The Commission reviewed the online form and made suggestions to improve and clarify the form prior to it being published on the County site.
8. A joint meeting with the Williamsburg Arts Commission has been set for June 8 at a location to be determined.

The next meeting of the Arts Commission will be Wednesday, March 29, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Swanson, Secretary

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcia Swanson".

Marcia Swanson, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Narielle Living".

Narielle Living, Chairperson