

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS

Connecticut Arts Council
Monday, August 17, 2015
One Constitution Plaza
Hartford, CT

MINUTES

Present: Fritz Jellinghaus, Mimsie Coleman, Karen Osbrey, Amy Wynn, Lisa Scails,
Philip Eliasoph, Catherine Smith

Absent: Jimmy Greene, Ted Yudain, Mary DeCroce

Staff: Kristina Newman-Scott, Dan Forrest, Tamara Dimitri, John Cusano, Bonnie Koba, Rhonda
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm.

VI. Patron of the Arts Award Discussion

Fritz Jellinghaus reviewed and discussed with the Arts Council the names submitted to be considered for the Patron of the Arts award.

The following were recommended and approved by the Arts Council to be recognized and received the Patron of the Arts award:

- Floyd Green – Individual
- Harvard Business School – Organization
- Connecticut Community Foundations – Foundation
- Crystal Rock – Corporation

Efforts continue to be underway to confirm a date for the awards ceremony at the Governor's Mansion. Fritz requested that the recommended and approved awardees be notified within the next week. Please note that attendance is a condition in order to receive award.

V. Action Item for Recommendation

A. FY16 Arts Grants – Arts & Community Impact

It is recommended that the Arts Council approve the FY16 Arts & Community Impact grants awarded to eight applicants in the amount of \$150,001.

Motion: Amy Wynn
Second: Catherine Smith
Recuse: Mimsie Coleman

(Y-7; N-0: Recuse: Mimsie Coleman for P.L.A.C.E.)

B. FY16 Arts Grants – Arts Learning (revised)

After review of the motion and the recommendation and discussing with program manager, It is recommended that the Arts Council amend the action to fully fund the first six highest scoring applicants in the amount of \$170,000.

Motion: Catherine Smith
Second: Lisa Scails

(Y-7; N-0)

C. FY16 HOT Schools Grant

It is recommended that the Arts Council approve a non-matching grant in the amount of \$350,000 to Wesleyan University, Green Street Teaching and Learning Center, to support the planning, implementation, and management of Connecticut's HOT Schools program.

Motion: Lisa Scails
Second: Mimsie Coleman

(Y-7; N-0)

D. FY16 PILOT Regional Initiative Re-granting program

It is recommended that the Arts Council approve an amount not to exceed \$315,000 for Regional Initiative Grant program (REGI) project grant awards to be re-granted by the state's nine Designated Regional Service Organizations. \$35,000 will be awarded per region.

Motion: Catherine Smith
Second: Fritz Jellinghaus

(Y-4; N-1; Recuse: Amy Wynn and Lisa Scails)

E. FY16 Designated Regional Service Organization Agreements

It is recommended that the Arts Council approve an amount not to exceed \$237,882 for the FY2016 allocation Regional Service Agreements to six regional service organizations.

Motion: Mimsie Coleman
Second: Catherine Smith
Recuse: Amy Wynn and Lisa Scails

(Y-4; N-1; Recuse: Amy Wynn and Lisa Scails)

II. Chairman's Report

No report.

III. Director's Report

Kristina Newman-Scott reported that the CT Office of the Arts received 46 applications to the Good to Great Grant Program representing 30 towns. The Advisory Council approved recommendation to fund 24 applications. Please note that this recommendation is not yet final.

Kristina also reported the Arts Council should have a conversation regarding the development of by-laws and statutes which do not exist for the Council and neither do they exist for the Advisory Council.

VII. Other Business

No other business.

VIII: Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Catherine Smith, seconded by Fritz Jellinghaus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.

The next Arts Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lu Rivera
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