

Princeton Cultural Council Meeting  
October 26, 2023  
Princeton Public Library

Meeting called to order at 4:14 PM.

In attendance: Corry Root, Bonnie Hirsh, Jennifer Kimball Vuona, Lesley Mozola, Carla Royak-Volturo (via FaceTime). Joya Mutti joined halfway through the meeting. Visitors: Geoff Yaglou, Michelle Kennedy, and Bob Cumming (Selectboard).

1. Welcomed members and attendees.
  - a. Thank you to Jennifer for representing the PCC at the Town Breakfast.
  - b. Thank you to Joya for her help with publicity for this grant cycle.
  - c. Thank you all for supporting the PCC.
2. Reviewed FY24 guidelines and priorities:
  - a. The PCC requires that a performer/artist applicant have a local sponsor or venue. Applicants who do not live in Princeton must include a letter of support from a local sponsor or venue with the application.
  - b. Although the PCC occasionally funds projects outside of Princeton, our primary focus is to fund activities that serve the local community and improve the cultural offerings for residents of Princeton.
3. Reviewed [FY24 submissions](#).
4. Reviewed PCC event proposals:
  - a. Children's film festival - Corry moved to appoint Jennifer the initiative owner and have a working session. Voted unanimously in favor.
  - b. Town square dance - Voted unanimously to deny this effort in favor of the children's film festival.
5. [Voted on FY24 grants](#).
  - a. When we discussed and voted on FY24-LCC-61023, Joya Mutti was not yet in attendance. She abstained from the discussion and from the vote on this item.
  - b. Voted unanimously in favor to fund the following grants:
    - i. PAS - Music series- \$1,000
    - ii. Princeton Council on Aging - Water Color Class \$600
    - iii. Rachel Wiese - Yellow Bird Chase- \$1,000
    - iv. TPS- Len Cabral Visit - \$1300
    - v. Princeton Council on Aging - Autobiographical Stories- \$518
    - vi. Wachusett Meadow Hey Day Music - \$400
    - vii. Worcester Chambers Music Society - Holiday Concert- \$800
  - c. Voted unanimously to not fund the following grants:
    - i. Johnny Appleseed Trail Association
    - ii. Music at the Holden Farmers Market
    - iii. Scott Malony - "I am"
    - iv. Princeton Public Library - Ed the Wizard
    - v. Afternoon of Brass

- vi. TPS - Artist in Resident- Joya Mutti
  - vii. TPS - Outdoor improvement
6. Discussed and voted on new members.
- a. Michelle Kennedy - Associate Member (first term to 2027) - Yes - Voted unanimously in favor.
  - b. Geoff Yaglou - Associate Member (first term to 2027) - Yes - Voted unanimously in favor.
7. Discussed and voted on new and extended terms for existing members:
- a. Corry Root - Chair (final 3 year term to 2027) - Yes - Voted unanimously in favor.
  - b. Bonnie Hirsh - Treasurer (final 3 year term to 2027) - Yes - Voted unanimously in favor.
  - c. Lesley Mozola - Admin (extend first term to 2026) - Yes - Voted unanimously in favor.
  - d. Jennifer Vuona - Secretary (extend first term to 2026) - Yes - Voted unanimously in favor.
  - e. Carla Royak-Volturo - Member (no change final term to 2026)
  - f. Joya Mutti - Publicity (no change first term to 2026)
8. Reminder to RSVP by November 6th to the Appreciation Gathering for town committee members on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 PM. Email [tlongtine@town.princeton.ma.us](mailto:tlongtine@town.princeton.ma.us).

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM.