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CULTURAL COUNCIL

Melrose Cultural Council Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024
The Worklery

In attendance: Jason, Jim, Jenne, Elizabeth, Lily, Laura, Mel, Nick, Clio, Leah

7pm No public comments

Minutes from last meeting approved

Recap of reception for awardees...all went well!

World Culture Fair at the Lincoln School was last Friday night and was "the best one ever!"

Paperwork update:

- 15 of the 17 awardees have submitted their paperwork
- MSO and Coming Together still need to submit

There is a dance event at Molly's Bookstore this Sunday at 10am...Nick may bring his girls to represent the MCC

Treasurer update: nothing new to report

Stephanie from the Chamber of Commerce met with Jim and Jason and is encouraging us to apply for **other funding**?

- Jim joined the Chamber on behalf of the MCC as a show of support
- Lily thinks it's a good idea to participate in the Victorian Fair...Mel agrees...maybe make stickers / or magnet for the cars
- Maybe partner with Messina fund on the table?

Stephanie also suggested a Monday night at Giacomo's...we get a percentage of the bar?

- Calendar raffle - buy a raffle ticket and have a chance to win every day of a particular month
- Maybe 25 days of Christmas...timed with home for the holidays...launch it at the Victorian fair? \$25?
- Every day would have a value of at least \$100 or \$150...maybe tap into our grantees for tickets to their events?

- Local bakers? Artisans? Doggy daycare? Music shop? Music 101? Beauty Cafe? Bookstore ?

Lauren Grymek (Chief of Staff for the mayor) will be here on April 11...not sure if she will speak or listen

Maybe an update on the Arts District approval? What will happen with a cultural district? Jenne would like to hear update on this from the new mayor? What is our role in that?

We will put these questions together ahead of time and send them to Lauren

VOTE on board positions

Sara will be co-chair...Jason will step down at the end of July

Lily will continue to be treasurer

Laura will continue to be secretary

AYES all around

Jenne Update: Melrose Creative Alliance and the Chamber of Commerce event 3/30
Chamber is also going to start to have monthly meetings of nonprofits...

MSO has event for kids on March 7....come and recruit kids!

Mel - as Chamber members we can also have a table at the farmers market...Jim can go and sell more raffle tickets!

8:07 adjourn!