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CULTURAL COUNCIL

Melrose Cultural Council Meeting
Thursday October 10, 2024
The Worklery
7pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim, Sarah B, Nick, Oren, Laura A. Lily, Mel

7:10 begin

7:15 minutes approved from last meeting

TREASURERS UPDATE

- Lily created a presentation...will be included on drive
- Jim -money committed from Messina other projects (\$1765 total) so that will come out of the \$20k they are transferring to us

SURVEY

- Nick synopsis data: do we want to ask the questions differently? ie.. 61% of people are saying that they go to theater events. How many are going to events for their kids vs. professionals?
- Child care is an issue - the YMCA hosts babysitting / maybe the Kitchen will do the same?

PASSPORT TO CULTURE FUNDRAISER

- \$5400 raised to date...exceeded expectations
- Subcommittee needed: members of chamber didn't participate...why? Was this the best time of year? Should we have started with the chamber?
- MEL- maybe engage them in a different way so they feel more of a direct gain in exchange?
- ZEFFY - now that we have it, should we put a donate button on website?
- we will post how much it made / thank everyone who contributed, etc.
- MEL: suggestion: can we make cash an option next year?

USE OF FUNDS

- \$40,000 to distribute now
- 2nd granting period early next year for mostly Messina people...we will only do this once (for now). They will be smaller grants and it would be on google forms instead of actually through the Cultural Council.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

17 proposals in so far - Deadline of 16th
Sara will create a google form for scoring of all proposals
We should meet twice in November to review

MCC MEMBERSHIP

Laura is leaving / Liz left / Jason left / Sara Brookner is leaving

Can we bring two more people on board? Maybe look at old search to go back to them?
Maybe an open search in January?

Next meeting: November 14

8:30pm **ADJOURN**