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## CULTURAL COUNCIL

MCC meeting  
December 12, 2024  
7pm

The Worklery

In attendance: Jim, Lily, Nick, Sarah, Laura, Elizabeth, Oren

Greg Torrales, MCC program officer joins us via zoom

7:05 begin with Greg introduction

7:10 meeting notes from last month...add Elizabeth, Liz also here....  
Minutes approved

7:15 FUNDING ALLOCATION - Lily  
\$38,714.07 - Jim suggests: "let's describe funding as municipal funding" ( as opposed to Messina...less confusing)

How much are we withholding for admin?

Re: municipal funds: We will advertise, the amounts given will be less but the application process and the evaluation process will be similar.

Should we start with this conversation in evaluating what we have?

**Lost and Found:** Jenne followed up. We still can't tell if the students are taking the pictures or if she is...if students, we would be more inclined to support?  
We will pass this round..but give feedback and suggest she tries again at a lower amount.

**2025 World Music concert** series - Jim connected with him and was impressed with how proactive he's been. This event will take place in multiple towns... it would be of added value to Melrose as people may travel for it.  
We will fund \$2000 ( he was asking for \$2600)

**Project SARANG** - It's a good idea but the location and the budgets are not very thought through? Without a firm location and artist, we are going to pass for this time but recommend they try again.

**Manga, Meatballs and Murders** - yes, full funding at \$795

**Hip Hop Chair** - funded last year and people loved it. She is asking \$600 and we will do \$500

**LILY / TREASURER reality check** — let's decide on how much we spend now so we can make sure to have enough.

- Greg: Discussion around "conditional approvals"
- Looked at levels of support and make sure this is equitable?
- Maybe try taking 5% off of what is currently being allocated?
- Lily would like to land between \$30k and \$31k
- We have \$8100 left
- We will have a little over \$5000 left for the next round of applications
- \*\* see chart on server for breakdown
- Sarah and Jim will get together to discuss denials. Need to remind people to not credit Messina any longer.

8:33 **ADJOURN**