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GRAFTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

October 13, 2022

By ZOOM

A VOTING MEETING of the GRAFTON CULTURAL COUNCIL (GCC) was held on October 13, 2022 at 7:10pm by ZOOM

Present: Julie Grace, Chair

Alan Baker, Sarah Kinsman, Maureen Swier, Christina Hogarty, Kevin Brown, Meta Mitchell, Pan Du, Julie Feeney, Members

Apologies for absence: Daniel Morris

No external visitors present

1. *Welcome by chair.* Meeting called to order 7:16pm, all members acknowledging the chair.
2. *Introduction of members as needed (for external visitors).* Not required.
3. *Review/approve minutes of Feb 16, 2022.* Minutes of voting meeting February 16, 2022. Approved Sarah/Meta. All members 'aye'. 3 new members abstained, (Alan, Julie F, and Maureen).
4. *Election/affirmation of Officers: Chair, secretary, Treasurer, Publicist:*
Daniel Morris to stand for Chair, Julie Grace to step down as Chair.
Sarah motions, Meta seconds
All members – AYE – approved

Sarah Kinsman to stand for Secretary – Meta motions, Cristina seconds
All members - AYE – approved

Meta Mitchell – Treasurer – Christina motioned, Pan seconds
All members – AYE - approved

Publicist - Maureen Swier – no vote needed, Maureen accepted the role.

5. *Approval of GCC administrative funds for the 2023:* required to hold a voting meeting for review and approval per the requirement. \$11,300 allocated for 2023 – 5% of this is \$565 dollars. Meta proposes to put that aside for publicity for the GCC.

Meta motions, Alan seconds

All members – AYE – motion approved

6. *Discussion of potential cultural offerings by GCC:* as a council we can set aside up to 20% of our annual allocation to decide what we as a group would like to do.

Meta shared: new variation. The council has always been allowed to spend some money, this is the second year where this is a potential. Actual drive for cultural pursuits happens in town. The GCC example used to help run the Grafton Arts Festival (now reimagined as Small Stones Festival. Where opportunities like this may arise, we can as a council consider this for allocation of funds.

Timeframe to apply: it will be for 2024 (grants go any time in the fiscal year: Jul 2023 to June 2024)

7. *Discussion on assessment of 2023 grant applications:*
Deadline for application is Monday October 17th.
Next meeting we will review the grant applications and discuss.
Applicants must be Grafton residents for at least one year.
Organizations must be organizing in the town for at least one year. Date and venue must be arranged (on application.)
If you are not a resident of Grafton, you must have a sponsor.
8. *Review of any questions from members of the public.* None present.
9. *Proposed follow-up meeting date Wednesday, Nov 2, 2022, 7:00pm*
Meta will email the panel book to members
10. *Adjournment.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by the chair. Approved Meta/Sarah. All members 'aye'.