

**Franklin Cultural Council**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 17th 2024; 7:30-9:00PM**  
**Franklin Municipal Building, Town Hall Conference Room 205**

**ATTENDEES**

- John Ristaino, Sarah Cronin, Brianna Cummings, Pushpa Jangreddi, Swati Rao

**VOTING ON MINUTES**

- **December 6th 2023** meeting minutes were voted on  
All Board members voted “yea” to approve the minutes

**BUDGET UPDATES**

- No appeals were made by grant applicants who did not receive funding, which meant that letters could be sent as scheduled to those applicants who would receive funding. Denials were sent on **December 24, 2023**.
- All letters to grant applicants whose applications were accepted were sent on **January 16th, 2024**
- The FCC’s financial report has also been settled with the MCC at this time.

**GRANT RECIPIENT RECEPTION DISCUSSION**

Members of the Cultural Council discussed the potential for hosting a reception for grant recipients for this fiscal year.

- The potential date for the event is April 11th, 2024.
  - This would be a good event to incorporate the new Arts Administrator in Franklin, if the position is filled by then.
- Venue possibilities would be: Franklin High School, the Historical Museum, Dean College, or the Franklin Public Library
- Similar to the formerly held Metrowest Arts and Culture Symposium, this event could be in collaboration with the FCDC and Dean College Performing Arts.
  - The Cultural District allocated their own grants this year as well - \$15,000 investment grant
    - Some was used for the Artsy Box project
    - Some was allocated to other entities as grants; many of the same grantees as the FCC

**MEETINGS FOR REMAINDER OF THE YEAR**

- Proposed Dates are: February 7th, March 5th, April 24th, May 22nd, and June 12th.

**UPCOMING MEETING**

- Members of the Franklin Cultural Council will meet again on **February 7th, 2024**.

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