

Hinsdale-Peru Local Cultural Council Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2023, Hinsdale Town Hall

Start 1 PM

Mary Lou Galliher was present at the start of our meeting and swore in all those from Hinsdale: Marge, John, Tom and Rima.

Marge Filkins handed out copies of two documents from MCC.

The first was a copy of a July 21 email from Carolyn Cole, outlining the Grant Cycle dates for 2023, and some changes to the FY24 LCC guidelines. This email also reminded all Board Members of the requirement to complete the Conflict of Interest Law Online Training program every 2 years. It was agreed that we would do this before our next scheduled meeting.

The 2nd handout was the revised LCC Program Guidelines for 2023. It was agreed that we would all read it before the next meeting.

John Hagan led the meeting and started with a review of the Minutes from our June 7, 2023 meeting. The Minutes were accepted as written.

All those present said they had been able to log-in to LCC's Smart Simple which will be necessary to review grantee requests.

Marge Filkins said that our PC had just been returned to her. She will need to use this PC in order to update the Hinsdale website to reflect our Board members information. This will ensure that we receive all inquiries sent to our LCC.

The Board discussed the suggestion made at our last meeting about grants for Hinsdale and Peru Libraries that would enable them to extend more free passes to Berkshire cultural institutions. It was agreed that we should discuss this proposal with each Librarian to explain how this might work and to determine if there is a true benefit. Kathy Borden will speak with Ruth in Peru. John will speak to May in Hinsdale. Marge agreed to discuss this with Carolyn Cole.

We discussed how we might set parameters/priorities on the Hinsdale/Peru LCC grants management system. Until now, we have no specific parameters. It was agreed that we will not add parameters until we have reviewed FY24 grantee requests. Based on any denials we make during this process, we could have a better sense of our parameters.

It was agreed to make it our goal to complete the FY24 process by Thanksgiving.

Tom Butler agreed to post our meeting with Peru, in addition to Hinsdale.

It was agreed that our next meeting will be on August 30, 2023 at 1PM.

The Meeting was adjourned by 2:30PM.

Submitted by Rima Sala