

Hinsdale-Peru Local Cultural Council Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2023, Hinsdale Town Hall

Start 1 PM

Present: Marge Filkins, Rima Sala, Tom Butler, Katie Boucher, Kathy Borden, John Hagan. Guest: Nancy Crane

John Hagan opened the meeting, and Marge Filkins gave out copies of the meeting Agenda.

The minutes of our July 26, 2023 meeting was accepted as written.

We were reminded of the requirement to take the Conflict of Interest Training. Rima, John and Katie have completed this online.

Marge said that the LCC laptop was returned by John Shannon, Hinsdale's tech support person. He wiped the laptop of unnecessary files so Marge begin using it. Marge will use the laptop for LCC business. One objective is to access the Hinsdale Town website so our LCC information can be kept up-to-date. John will talk to Boris Basora, Hinsdale's webmaster, about getting Marge a unique email address.

John Hagan said he has spoken with May and Jenn, Hinsdale Librarians, about the possibility of applying to our LCC for a grant to secure additional museum passes. They were interested. According to Marge Filkins, Carolyn Cole (our MCC officer) said this would be permissible. Tom Butler said the library budget has increased significantly and an LCC grant should not be needed. John will discuss this again with the Hinsdale librarians. Kathy Borden had similar discussions with the Peru Librarian but they have no interest.

By August 31, 2023, our LCC is required to update "Priorities and Guidelines" on the MCC website for 2024 applicants. It was agreed by all that we would use the same wording from 2023.

We discussed the possibility of considering applications for capital expenses for Hinsdale-Peru based applicants only. Marge will run this by Carolyn Cole.

We discussed creating a scholarship for Hinsdale/Peru students for the 2025 cycle. This scholarship would be targeted to High School students who plan to major in the arts.

It was agreed by all that we will allocate 5% of our '24 budget to administrative expenses. Marge and Rima will meet with Clarissa Mitchell, Hinsdale Admin. Ass't., to find out if there is a place and cabinet where we can store LCC documents. We may have to purchase a small cabinet for this purpose.

The Board acknowledged Joe Horton's recent resignation from the Board. All agreed he would be welcome back should he choose. Diane Eulian will become "Ex Officio" on our profile on the MCC website.

Because of our declining Board Member numbers, Rima Sala shared that there are MCC provisions for LCC's to merge and become Regional. All felt strongly that we wish to continue as the Hinsdale-Peru LCC.

Treasurer Kathy Borden shared that our '24 allotment is \$11,000. There were no roll-overs. Kathy said she would attend MCC's Financial Seminar on September 28.

Kathy said she could not find the prior year's full grant applications on MCC's website. Marge said she would follow-up with Carolyn Cole.

It was agreed by all that our LCC will continue to pay applicants using the Reimbursement process we have always used. We will not use Direct Disbursements as this will require more upfront paperwork, and then follow-up for an extended period of time if funds are not used.

Marge promised to make hard copies as needed of 2024 applications. She will put copies in the Local Cultural Council mailbox in Hinsdale Town Hall. Applications will be entered online from September 1 to October 17. We should all be reviewing them before our next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2023, at 1PM.

Nancy Crane agreed to join our Board. She will need to register on the MCC website.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.
Submitted by Rima Sala

