

Hinsdale-Peru Local Cultural Council Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2024 Hinsdale Town Hall. Start: 1 PM

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

Marge Filkins opened the meeting to explain the reason for this voting meeting. Back in November, Marge and Rima were unable to finalize our Annual Report and Grantee Approvals. Working with MCC/Carolyn Cole, and with help from Kathy Borden, we learned that we had \$2,643 that we need to spend for FY24.

We can distribute the funds by increasing grant money to Grantees already approved, an/or granting money to Grantees we previously denied. Marge advised that our LCC cannot use funds to sponsor a scholarship. Scholarship programs can only be awarded to non-profit organizations requesting through MCC/LCC's

Tom Butler has spoken to the author Kevin O'Hara who agreed to give a talk which our LCC would sponsor. A date of March 15, 2024 has been set for his talk which will take place in the Hinsdale Town Hall Community Room (75 seat capacity). All agreed that we would grant Mr. O'Hara \$643 for this event. Nancy Crane will design the fliers and will use Staples to produce them. We will also promote the event on Facebook and in the Berkshire Eagle.

Dispersion of funds were agreed and voted on. Five previously approved applicants were given extra dollars. One previously Denied applicant was awarded dollars and will be moved to the list of "Approved" applicants. We used all available FY24 funds.

There is one outstanding \$600 payment for FY23 (Cops and Rodders). Marge will be reaching out again to the applicant to secure the paperwork needed for reimbursement. The applicant has until March 16, 2024. If not disbursed, the funds will roll over to FY25.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.
Submitted by Rima Sala